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ESSEX COUNTY

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Incorporated June 21, 1793

Area 14.99 sq. miles

Sixth Congressional District

Fifth Councillor District

Third Essex Senatorial District

Fifteenth Essex Representative District

Congressman William H. Bates of Salem

Councillor Arthur A. Thomson of North Andover

Senator Philip A. Graham of Hamilton

Representatives { Cornelius J. Murray of Beverly
C. Henry Glovsky of Beverly (Resigned)
Herbert S. Tuckerman of Beverly }

Population

1920	1631	(Federal Census)
1925	2018	(State ")
1930	2044	(Federal ")
1935	2235	(State ")
1940	2037	(Federal ")
1945	2387	(State ")
1950	2764	(Federal ")

1953 TOWN OFFICERS

Elected and Appointed

Selectmen

EVERETT F. HALEY, Chairman

LAWRENCE R. STONE — ARTHUR M. KNIGHT

Board of Public Welfare

LAWRENCE R. STONE, Chairman

ARTHUR M. KNIGHT — EVERETT F. HALEY

Board of Health

ARTHUR M. KNIGHT, Chairman

EVERETT F. HALEY — LAWRENCE R. STONE

Moderator

OLIVER WOLCOTT

Town Clerk—Town Accountant

FRANCIS H. WHIPPLE

Treasurer

WALFRED B. SELLMAN

Tax Collector

BERTHA L. CROWELL

Assessors

JESSE S. MANN, Chairman
Term expires 1954

ROBERT H. CHITTICK
Term expires 1956

ELMO O. ADAMS
Term expires 1955

Planning Board

HENRY J. GOURDEAU, Chairman
Term expires 1954

M. KEITH LANDER
Term expires 1958

FRANCIS C. MOYNIHAN
Term expires 1957

ARTHUR E. MORROW
Term expires 1956

GEORGE C. CUTLER, JR.
Term expires 1955

Finance and Advisory Committee

FREDERIC WINTHROP, Chairman

LAWRENCE LAMSON
WILLIAM M. FOLEY
LAWRENCE PELKEY
JOHN C. GARLAND

Town Counsel

STANDISH BRADFORD

Registrars of Voters

FRANK W. BUZZELL, Chairman
Term expires 1955

JESSIE W. B. CUNNINGHAM
Term expires 1956
LAWRENCE LAMSON
Term expires 1954

FRANCIS H. WHIPPLE, Clerk-Officio

Chief of Police

EDWARD FREDERICK

Constable

EDWARD FREDERICK

Fire Engineers

A. MERRILL CUMMINGS, Chief

HAROLD G. DODD
RUDOLPH H. HARADEN

Moth Superintendent

RUDOLPH H. HARADEN

Tree Warden

RUDOLPH H. HARADEN

Forest Warden

FRED BERRY
Deceased
A. MERRILL CUMMINGS

Inspector of Animals and Slaughtering

ERNEST M. BARKER

Inspector of Milk

ERNEST M. BARKER

Sealer of Weights and Measures

ERVING O. MAXWELL

Dog Officer
HUGH E. MacDONALD

Civil Defense Director
JOHN H. PERKINS

Dental Clinic Nurse
MISS FLORENCE STOBBART

Surveyor of Highways
CHARLES F. POOLE

School Committee
MORLEY L. PIPER, Chairman
Term expires 1956

GRACE B. LAMSON
Term expires 1954

ALLAN MacCURRACH
Term expires 1955

Trustees of Public Library
JOHN F. NEARY, Chairman
Term expires 1955

SARAH H. TRUSSELL
Term expires 1956

MELVIN F. REID
Term expires 1954

Librarians

LYDIA L. HARADEN
Main Library

JENNIE S. PERLEY
Branch Library

Park Commissioners
RAY M. SANDFORD, Chairman
Term expires 1956

ALBERT P. LOUGEE
Term expires 1954

PHILIP HOPKINS
Term expires 1955

Park Superintendent
JAMES H. GOODRICH

Water Commissioners
RICHARD H. SMITH, Chairman
Term expires 1954

GEORGE HARRIGAN
Term expires 1956

GORDON THOMPSON
Term expires 1955

Superintendent of Water Works
RAYMOND A. WHIPPLE

Cemetery Commissioners

RAYMOND A. WHIPPLE, Chairman
Term expires 1954

JOHN T. WALKE
Term expires 1955

LAWRENCE C. FORSTER
Term expires 1956

Superintendent of Cemetery

PHILLIP S. PLUMMER

Measurers of Wood, Lumber and Bark

JESSE S. MANN
ERNEST M. BARKER

EDWARD W. MacGREGOR
Deceased

TIMOTHY A. MOYNIHAN
Deceased

Field Drivers

FRED BERRY
Deceased
CARL C. ANDERSON

ERNEST M. BARKER
WILLIAM W. BANCROFT

Union Health Department Study Committee

HAROLD A. DALEY, Chairman
DR. ALBERT R. LARCHEZ
PAUL F. PERKINS, JR.

DR. STANLEY A. WILSON
SAMUEL J. TYACK

School Building Committee

FINLAY D. MacDONALD, Chairman
RUTH F. DONALDSON
STANDISH BRADFORD

G. GORDON LOVE
FORRESTER A. CLARK

REPORT

of the

TOWN CLERK

1953

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

To the Citizens of Hamilton:

I submit herewith my tenth annual report as Clerk of our Town of Hamilton.

During the year 1953 the elections and town meetings consisted of the annual town meeting held March 2nd; a special town meeting which was called by the Selectmen to be held June 29th for the purpose of voting on rent control, but due to the lack of a quorum was adjourned; a special primary on November 24th for the nomination of candidates to fill a vacancy in the office of Representative; a special election for the election of a representative to fill a vacancy. As has been customary in past years a detailed report of each is printed in the town report as part of the clerk's report.

A record of births, marriages and deaths recorded during the year is also included as a part of this report. When a child is born out of town of parents residing in town such birth is not recorded in the records of Hamilton until a report of the birth is received from the Clerk of the city or town where the birth occurred. In some instances this report is not received until after the town report has gone to print, consequently, the birth is not listed in the town report as a birth recorded, but is recorded in the town records.

I express my sincere appreciation to all the townspeople and town officials for their assistance and cooperation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS H. WHIPPLE,
Town Clerk.

RECORDINGS AND LICENSES ISSUED

BIRTHS RECORDED

Male	46
Female	49
Total	95

MARRIAGES RECORDED

Residents	25
Non-residents	3
Total	28

DEATHS RECORDED

Residents	32
Non-residents	3
Total	35

SPORTING LICENSES ISSUED

Fishing	57
Hunting	78
Sporting	47
Minors Fishing	7
Female Fishing	12
Trapping	1
Non-resident Fishing	1
Total	203

DOG LICENSES ISSUED

Male	214
Female	42
Spayed Female	73
$10. Kennel	5
25. Kennel	3
50. Kennel	1
Total	338

REPORT OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Held in the High School Auditorium, March 2, 1953

AND OF THE ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION HELD IN THE HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM, MACH 10, 1953

MODERATOR: Oliver Wolcott

ELECTION OFFICERS

Counters

Edward J. Ready — Thomas A. Sargent
Jean T. Austin — Mary T. Greeley
Alice E. Gillissen — Mildred M. Haraden
Frank H. Tuck — Jessie W. B. Cunningham

Checkers

Lawrence Lamson — George Morrow
Henry C. Jackson — Elmo O. Adams

Jeremiah J. Doyle

Police

Edward H. Frederick — Lester D. Charles

John S. Sargent

Town Clerk

Francis H. Whipple

The Moderator, Mr. Oliver Wolcott, opened the meeting at seven thirty-seven (7:37) o'clock in the evening on Monday, March 2, 1953.

Rev. C. Richard Shanor led the meeting in prayer.

Moderator: "The first business of the evening is Article 2: To choose and appoint all other Town Officers in such manner as the Town may determine."

Moved by Mr. Edward A. DeWitt and duly seconded: "That four field drivers and four measurers of wood, lumber and bark be elected by the meeting from the floor and that the field drivers be nominated and elected first and the measurers of wood, lumber and bark immediately following."

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Moved by Mr. Edward A. DeWitt and duly seconded: "That Fred Berry, Carl C. Anderson, William W. Bancroft and Ernest M. Barker be elected field drivers for the ensuing year."

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Moved by Mr. Edward A. DeWitt and duly seconded: "That Jesse S. Mann, Ernest M. Barker, Timothy A. Moynihan and Edward W. MacGregor be elected measurers of wood, lumber and bark for the ensuing year."

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article 3. Moderator: "To hear the reports of the Town Officers and of the Finance and Advisory Committee and all other committees and take any action thereon or relative thereto."

Moved by Mr. Lawrence R. Stone and duly seconded: "That the reports of the Town Officers and of the Finance and Advisory Committee and all other committees with the exception of the Union Health Committee be received and placed on file and that the report of the Union Health Committee be considered under Article 14."

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article 4. Moderator: "To raise and appropriate money for Schools, Highways, and all other Town expenses and determine the manner of expending the same."

"As in past years I shall read the appropriations recommended by the Finance Committee and if debate is wished on any item, call 'Pass' and that item will be considered after the others are voted as a whole."

Finance Committee	$	15.00
Selectmen:		
Salaries		1,150.00
Clerical		1,000.00
Expenses		2,300.00
Equipment		500.00
Accountant:		
Salary		2,800.00
Expenses		250.00
Treasurer:		
Salary		1,400.00
Expenses		575.00
Tax Collector:		
Salary		1,600.00
Expenses		650.00
Assessors:		
Salaries and Wages		2,300.00
Expenses		475.00

Law:	
Salary	800.00
Expenses	200.00
Town Clerk:	
Salary	1,000.00
Expenses	250.00
Election and Registration:	
Expenses	2,000.00
Town Hall:	
Salary	2,750.00
Expenses	2,000.00
Office Equipment	800.00
Repairs	500.00
Essex County Pension Fund:	
Contributions	3,736.49
Police:	
Salary and Wages of Chief and Special Officers	8,400.00
Expenses	1,600.00
Fire:	
Salaries and Wages	2,110.00
Expenses	2,210.00
Office of Civilian Defense	500.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures:	
Salary	230.00
Expenses	100.00
Moth—Town:	
Salary of Superintendent	1,670.00
Wages	990.00
Expenses	500.00
Moth—Private:	
Salary of Superintendent	360.00
Wages	378.00
Expenses	300.00

Tree Warden:		
Salary	PASSED	920.00
Wages		1,322.00
Expenses		160.00
Special—Planting Trees		200.00
Special—Pruning Elm		500.00
Forest Fire Warden:		
Salary		40.00
Expenses		65.00
Board of Health:		
Salaries		120.00
Clerk		60.00
Milk Inspector		75.00
Expenses		800.00
Rubbish Collection		3,700.00
Garbage Collection		3,100.00
Dental Clinic:		
Salary of Nurse		200.00
Expenses		2,600.00
Inspector of Animals:		
Salary		90.00
Expenses		50.00
Highways:		
Salary of Superintendent and Surveyor		3,200.00
Wages of Drivers and Helpers		11,250.00
Labor and Expenses		5,325.00
Sidewalks		2,000.00
Gravel Roads		4,500.00
Snow Removal and Sanding		5,000.00
Street Lighting		9,000.00
Public Welfare:		
Salaries		120.00
Expenses		4,000.00
Disability Assistance		8,000.00
Old Age Assistance:		
Assistance		30,000.00
Administration		2,000.00

Aid to Dependent Children:		
Aid		2,500.00
Administration		25.00
Veteran's Benefits:		
Benefits		6,000.00
Education:		
Superintendent of Schools—Salary		6,500.00
Expense of Office		4,025.00
Expense of Instruction		96,557.68
Expenses:		
Text Books and Supplies		6,815.00
Operation of Plant		17,843.00
Repairs and Upkeep		1,000.00
Transportation		9,699.00
Auxiliary Agencies		3,598.00
New Equipment—High		800.00
Athletics		1,190.00
Special for High School Vocational		1,432.00
Driver Training		200.00
Specials for Lamson:		
Closing Lamson School		260.00
Libraries:		
Salaries and Wages		1,255.00
Expenses	PASSED	2,367.00
Park Department:		
Salary of Superintendent		2,750.00
Salary of Instructors		850.00
Labor		900.00
Expense		1,250.00
Water Department:		
Salary of Superintendent		3,200.00
Salary of Assistant Superintendent		2,700.00
Salary of Clerk		800.00
Extra Labor		1,725.00
Expenses		8,500.00
Extension of Mains		5,000.00
Cemetery:		
Salaries of Commissioners		75.00
Salary of Superintendent		2,750.00
Wages and Expenses		1,100.00

Maturing Debt:

Maturing Debt (Including School Bond Premium of $2,414.51)	59,000.00
Interest	13,900.00

Unclassified:

Town Report	1,500.00
Town Clock	100.00
Memorial Day	650.00
American Legion	1,000.00
Insurance	8,100.00
Planning Board	500.00
Finance Committee—Reserve Fund	5,000.00

Moved by Mr. Frederic Winthrop and duly seconded: "That the Town raise and appropriate the various sums recommended in the report of the Finance and Advisory Committee, with the exception of those items that have been passed."

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Moderator: "We shall now take up the appropriation for the salary of Tree Warden, for which the amount is $920.00."

Mr. Rudolph E. Haraden moved that the appropriation for the salary of the Tree Warden be increased to $1,170.00.

Remarks by Mr. Rudolph E. Haraden and Mr. Frederic Winthrop.

Voice Vote. Motion carried.

Moderator: "We shall now take up the appropriation for library expenses, for which the amount is $2,367.00."

Mr. John Neary moved that the library expenses be increased to $2,667.00 to cover the cost of a new book shelf.

Voice Vote. Motion carried.

Article 5. Moderator: "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Chapter 90 Maintenance, or take any action thereon or relative thereto."

Moved by Mr. Everett F. Haley and duly seconded: "That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $1,000 for Chapter 90 Maintenance of various streets, to be expended for its share of the work, provided the state contributes to the cost thereof, and that available funds may be used while carrying on the work until the Town is so reimbursed."

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article 6. Moderator: "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Chapter 90 Construction on Essex Street, or take any action thereon or relative thereto."

Moved by Mr. Edward A. DeWitt and duly seconded: "That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $3,200. for Chapter 90 Highway Construction on Essex Street, to be expended for its share of the work, provided the state and county contribute to the cost thereof, and that available funds may be used while carrying on the work until the Town is so reimbursed."

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article 7. Moderator: "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of a Tractor with equipment for use primarily as a sidewalk snow plow, or take any action thereon or relative thereto."

Moved by Mr. John Lawrence and duly seconded: "That the Town purchase and acquire a tractor with equipment for use primarily as a sidewalk snow plow and bulldozer, that the sum of $4300. be raised and appropriated therefor, and that, subject to applicable provisions of law, the Highway Surveyor be authorized and empowered on behalf of the Town to consummate such purchase."

Voice Vote. Motion carried.

Article 8. Moderator: "To see if the Town will vote to purchase and install a radio in the police cruiser for police and civil defense purposes, and raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor, or take any action thereon or relative thereto."

Moved by Mr. John H. Perkins and duly seconded: "That the Town purchase and install a radio in the police cruiser for police and civil defense purposes, that the sum of $500. be raised and appropriated therefor, and that the Board of Selectmen be authorized and empowered on behalf of the Town to consummate such purchase.

Voice Vote. Motion carried.

Article 9. Moderator. "To see if the Town will vote to authorize and approve the Selectmen erecting an Official Town Bulletin Board on the Engine House Lot at the corner of Railroad Avenue and Willow Street, and raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor, or take any action thereon or relative thereto."

Moved by Mr. Everett F. Haley and duly seconded: "That the Board of Selectmen be and said Board hereby is authorized to erect an official Town Bulletin Board on the Engine House Lot on the corner of Railroad Avenue and Willow Street."

Moderator declared that the motion was carried by Voice Vote, but his decision was doubted from the floor; however, as only five people stood up to doubt the vote, the motion was declared carried.

Article 10. Moderator: "To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Cemetery Sale of Lots and Graves Fund to the Cemetery Account for the purpose of making improvements to the town cemetery, or take any action thereon or relative thereto."

Moved by Mr. John T. Walke and duly seconded: "That the sum of $500. be transferred from the Cemetery Sale of Lots and Graves Fund to the Cemetery Account for the purpose of making improvements to the Town Cemetery."

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article 11. Moderator: "To see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 624 of the Acts and Resolves of 1952, being an act "relative to increasing the amounts of pensions and retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees," or take any action thereon or relative thereto."

Moved by Mr. Lawrence R. Stone and duly seconded: "That the Town accept Chapter 624 of the Acts and Resolves of 1952, being an act 'relative to increasing the amounts of pensions and retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees.' "

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article 12. Moderator: "To see if the Town will vote to authorize and approve the Board of Assessors to use available funds or 'free cash' in an amount not to exceed the sum of $20,000.00 in determining the tax rate for the year 1953, or take any action thereon or relative thereto."

Moved by Mr. William M. Foley and duly seconded: "That the Board of Assessors be and said Board hereby is authorized to allocate available funds or 'free cash' in an amount not to exceed the sum of $20,000. for expenditure by the Town in the year 1953, and that said sum be so used by said Board in determining the tax rate for the year 1953."

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article 13. Moderator: "To see if the Town will vote to sell to Emma M. Rice for the sum of $600.00 a portion of the abandoned Boston and Maine Railroad roadbed now owned by the Town abutting property owned by said Emma M. Rice, and more specifically described on a plan on file with the town clerk, or take any action thereon or relative thereto."

Moved by Mr. Edward A. DeWitt and duly seconded: "That the Town sell to Emma M. Rice for the sum of $400. all its right, title and interest in and to a portion of the abandoned Boston and Main Railroad roadbed, consisting of approximately 37,461 square feet, as shown on a Plan entitled 'Plan Showing a Portion of the Abandoned Location of the Essex Branch of the Boston & Maine Railroad located in Hamilton, Massachusetts, Febru-

ary, 1953, Charles H. Morse & Son, Eng'rs.' on file with the Town Clerk, subject to all encumbrances of record and upon the condition that such property shall always be kept open for the use of horseback riders, and that the Board of Selectmen be and said Board hereby is authorized and directed in behalf of the Town to execute, acknowledge and deliver a quitclaim deed for said property."

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article 14. Moderator: "To hear the report of the Union Health Committee appointed under Article 17 of the warrant for the annual town meeting held March 3, 1952, or take any action thereon or relative thereto."

Moved by Mr. Harold A. Daley and duly seconded: "That the report of the Union Health Committee as printed in the town report be received and placed on file, and that said Committee be continued indefinitely to keep informed of developments and to report to the Town if and when it becomes desirable for Hamilton to join such Health Union, and that the Moderator be authorized to appoint from time to time members to fill vacancies in such Committee."

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article 15. Moderator: "To see if the Town will vote to purchase a diaphragm water pump for the Water Department and raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor, or take any action thereon or relative thereto."

Moved by Mr. George A. Harrigan and duly seconded: "That the Town purchase and acquire a diaphragm water pump for the Water Department, that the sum of $435.00 be raised and appropriated therefor, and that the Water Commissioners be authorized and empowered on behalf of the Town to consummate such purchase."

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article 16. Moderator: "To see if the Town will vote to purchase a truck for the Water Department and raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor, or take any action thereon or relative thereto."

Moved by Mr. George A. Harrigan and duly seconded: "That the Town purchase and acquire a truck for the Water Department, that the sum of $2500 be raised and appropriated therefor, and that, subject to applicable provisions of law, the Water Commissioners be authorized and empowered on behalf of the Town to consummate such purchase."

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article 17. Moderator: "To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public town way, an extension of Lincoln Avenue, so called, as shown on a plan entitled 'Acceptance Plan of Lincoln Avenue, Hamilton, Massachusetts, January, 1953, Charles H. Morse & Son Engineers' now on file with the town clerk, or take any action thereon or relative thereto, as petitioned for by Arthur W. Day and others."

Moved by Mr. Arthur W. Day and duly seconded: "That the Town accept as a public town way, Lincoln Avenue, so-called, as shown on a plan entitled 'Acceptance Plan of Lincoln Avenue, Hamilton, Massachusetts, January, 1953, Charles H. Morse & Son, Engineers' now on file with the town clerk."

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article 18. Moderator: "To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public town way, Homestead Circle, so called, as shown on a plan entitled 'Plan of Miles River Farm Subdivision, Hamilton, Mass., George A. Harrigan and Margaret F. Harrigan, September 1952, Charles H. Morse & Son Engineers' now on file with the town clerk, or take any action thereon or relative thereto, as petitioned for by George A. Harrigan and others."

Moved by Mr. George A. Harrigan and duly seconded: "That the Town accept as a public town way, Homestead Circle, so-called, as shown on a plan entitled 'Plan of Miles River Farm Subdivision, Hamilton, Mass., George A. Harrigan and Margaret F. Harrigan, September 1952, Charles H. Morse & Son Engineers' now on file with the town clerk."

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article 19. Moderator: "To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public town way, Rock Maple Avenue, so called, as shown on a plan entitled 'Plan for the Layout & Acceptance of Rock Maple Avenue and Meyer Road in the Town of Hamilton, January 1953, N. B. Allen, Registered Land Surveyor, Danvers' now on file with the town clerk, or take any action thereon or relative thereto, as petitioned for by Jackson W. Garfield and others."

Moved by Mr. Jackson W. Garfield and duly seconded: "That the Town accept as a public town way, Rock Maple Avenue, so-called, as shown on a plan entitled 'Plan for the Layout and Acceptance of Rock Maple Avenue and Meyer Road in the Town of Hamilton, January 1953, N. B. Allen, Registered Land Surveyor, Danvers' now on file with the town clerk."

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article 20. Moderator: "To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public town way Meyer Road, so called as shown on a plan entitled 'Plan for the Layout and Acceptance of Rock Maple Avenue and Meyer Road in the Town of Hamilton, January 1953, N. B. Allen, Registered Land Surveyor, Danvers' now on file with the town clerk, or take any action thereon or relative thereto, as petitioned for by Jackson W. Garfield and others.

Moved by Mr. Jackson W. Garfield and duly seconded: "That the Town accept as a public town way, Meyer Road, so-called, as shown on a

plan entitled 'Plan for the Layout and Acceptance of Rock Maple Avenue and Meyer Road in the Town of Hamilton, January 1953, N. B. Allen, Registered Land Surveyor, Danvers' now on file with the town clerk."

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article 21. Moderator: "To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public town way, Woodside Road, so called, as shown on a plan entitled 'Acceptance Plan of Woodside Road, Hamilton, Mass., January 1953, Charles H. Morse & Son Engineers,' now on file with the town clerk, or take any action thereon or relative thereto, as petitioned for by Joe Y. Jackson and others."

Moved by Mr. Lawrence Lamson and duly seconded: "That the Town accept as a public town way, Woodside Road, so-called, as shown on a plan entitled 'Acceptance Plan of Woodside Road, Hamilton, Mass., January 1953, Charles H. Morse & Son, Engineers' now on file with the town clerk."

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article 22. Moderator: "To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public town way, Elm Street, so called, as shown on a plan entitled 'Acceptance Plan of Elm Street, Hamilton, Massachusetts, December 1951, Charles H. Morse & Son, Engineers' now on file with the town clerk, or take any action thereon or relative thereto, as petitioned for by Omer Porier and others."

Moved by Mr. Omer Porier and duly seconded: "That the Town accept as a public town way, Elm Street, so-called, as shown on a plan entitled 'Acceptance Plan of Elm Street, Hamilton, Massachusetts, December 1951, Charles H. Morse & Son, Engineers' now on file with the town clerk."

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article 23. Moderator: "To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public town way, Oak Street, so called, as shown on a plan entitled 'Acceptance Plan of Oak Street, Hamilton, Massachusetts, December 1951, Charles H. Morse & Son, Engineers' now on file with the town clerk, or take any action thereon or relative thereto, as petitioned for by Omer Porier and others."

Moved by Mr. Omer Porier and duly seconded: "That the Town accept as a public way, Oak Street, so-called, as shown on a plan entitled 'Acceptance Plan of Oak Street, Hamilton, Massachusetts, December 1951, Charles H. Morse & Son, Engineers' now on file with the town clerk."

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article 24. Moderator: "To see if the Town will vote to change the name of Main Street to its historic designation of Old Bay Road, or take any action thereon or relative thereto, as petitioned for by John Neary and others."

Moved by Mr. John Neary and duly seconded: "That the name of Main Street be and the same hereby is changed to Bay Road."

Mr. Neary added that Main Street should be changed to Bay Road for historic and traditional purposes and that the name Main Street seemed ill-suited tc the main thoroughfare running through the country-like and picturesque town of Hamilton.

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article 25. Moderator: "To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire on behalf of the Town by purchase or by eminent domain under Chapter 79, Massachusetts General Laws (Ter. Ed.), or otherwise, for water purposes, the fee in the following described lands and property:

Beginning at an iron pin in the Southerly line of the abandoned Boston & Maine Railroad location between Bridge Street and School Street, five hundred eighty two and 83/100 (582.83) feet Westerly of School Street, thence running Westerly 06° 51′ W. three hundred (300) feet to an iron pin; thence running N. 06° 51′ E. three hundred feet to an iron pin in the Southerly line of said railroad location; thence running S. 83° 09′ E. by the Southerly line of said location four hundred (400) feet to the point of beginning, containing about 2¾ acres as shown on a plan by Charles H. Morse & Son, dated June 1951, on file in the office of the Town Clerk, and raise and appropriate the sum of $300. for the foregoing purpose or to do or act in any manner relevant thereto."

Moved by Mr. Everett F. Haley and duly seconded: "That the Board of Selectmen be and said Board hereby is authorized and directed to take by eminent domain on behalf of the Town under Chapter 79, Massachusetts General Laws (Ter. Ed.), or otherwise, for water purposes the fee in the following described lands and property:

beginning at an iron pin in the Southerly line of the abandoned Boston & Maine Railroad location between Bridge Street and School Street, five hundred eighty two and 83/100 (582.83) feet Westerly of School Street, thence running Westerly 06° 51′ W. three hundred (300) feet to an iron pin; thence running N. 06° 61′ E. three hundred feet to an iron pin in the Southerly line of said railroad location; thence running S. 83° 09′ E. by the Southerly line of said location four hundred (400) feet to the point of beginning, containing about 2-¾ acres as shown on a plan by Charles H. Morse & Son, dated June 1951, on file in the Office of the Town Clerk and to raise and appropriate the sum of $300 for the foregoing purpose or to do or act in any manner relevant thereto."

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article 26. Moderator: "To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time, in anticipation of revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1954, and to issue a note or notes thereof payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a shorter period than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws and Amendments thereto, or take any action thereon or relative thereto."

Moved by Mr. Lawrence Lamson and duly seconded: "That the Town authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time. in anticipation of revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1954, and to issue a note or notes thereof payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a shorter period than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws and amendments thereto."

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article 27. Moderator: "To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting taxes which a Town Treasurer, when appointed Collector, may use agreeable to Chapter 41, Section 37, General Laws and Amendments thereto, or take any action thereon or relative thereto."

Moved by Mr. John H. Perkins and duly seconded: "That the Town authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting taxes which a Town Treasurer, when appointed Collector, may use agreeable to Chapter 41, Section 37, General Laws and amendments thereto."

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article 28. Moderator: "To act on any other matter that may legally come before said meeting."

Under Article 28 Mr. Jerome Flynn of Maple Street wished to bring before the meeting the matter of the Town of Hamilton adopting a building code and appointing an electrical inspector.

The Moderator ruled that no action could be taken on this business as there was no article in the warrant to cover the matter. The Moderator advised Mr. Flynn to refer the matter to the Town Counsel for whatever appropriate action should be taken.

The Moderator announced that as it was apparent that no business could be properly acted upon by the meeting under Article 28, he would be receptive of a motion to strike said Article 28 from the warrant.

Moved from the floor and duly seconded: "That Article 28 be struck from the warrant."

Voice Vote. Motion carried.

There being no further business, it was voted to adjourn at 8:25 P.M. until 8:00 A.M., Tuesday, March 10, 1953, at the High School Auditorium, when the balloting under Article 1 shall take place.

Vote on Article 1. March 10, 1953.

Polls were opened at 8:00 A.M. by the Moderator, Oliver Wolcott. There were 1166 votes cast under Article 1.

Men	584	Voted in Person	1140
Women	582	Absentee Votes	26
	1166		1166

MODERATOR—for one year

Wolcott, Oliver	923	Blanks	242
Mullins, Neil J.	1		

TOWN CLERK—for one year

Whipple, Francis H.	1025	Blanks	141

SELECTMEN—three for one year

DeWitt, Edward A.	590	Stone, Lawrence R.	684
Haley, Everett F.	659	Lougee, Albert P.	235
Knight, Arthur M.	632	Blanks	698

TREASURER—for one year

Sellman, Walfred B.	979	Blanks	187

TAX COLLECTOR—for one year

Crowell, Bertha L.	1059	Blanks	107

ASSESSOR—for three years

Chittick, Robert H.	991	Blanks	175

TREE WARDEN—for one year

Haraden, Rudolph H.	985	Blanks	181

HIGHWAY SURVEYOR—for one year

Poole, Charles F.	1017	Blanks	147
Thompson, Gordon	2		

SCHOOL COMMITTEE—one for three years

Henley, Thomas L.	178	Piper, Morley L.	505
Howe, Halsey DeW.	402	Blanks	81

TRUSTEE OF LIBRARY—for three years

Trussell, Sarah H.	959	Blanks	207

TRUSTEE OF LIBRARY—for one year

Reid, Melvin F.	898	Blanks	268

WATER COMMISSIONER—for three years

Harrigan, George A.	922	Blanks	244

WATER COMMISSIONER—for two years

Lundgren, W. Whitney	532	Thompson, Gordon L.	549
		Blanks	85

CEMETERY COMMISSIONER—for three years

Foster, Lawrence C.	949	Blanks	217

PARK COMMISSIONER—for three years

Sanford, Ray M.	962	Blanks	204

PLANNING BOARD—one for five years

Lander, M. Keith	656	Sawyer, Dantan W.	233
Mullins, Neil J.	166	Blanks	111

PLANNING BOARD—for two years

Cutler, George C., Jr.	878	Blanks	288

QUESTION RELATIVE TO ZONING
CHAP. 38 ACTS 1953.

"Shall zoning by-laws be adopted in this town, in accordance with the final report of the planning board on file with the town clerk?"

Yes	500
No	572
Blanks	94

The polls were closed at 8:00 P.M., and the Moderator announced the results of the voting and declared the meeting adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

Attest:

FRANCIS H. WHIPPLE,
Town Clerk.

REPORT OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Called for June 29, 1953

FOR THE PURPOSE OF VOTING ON RENT CONTROL

Meeting called to order at 8:20 P.M. by Moderator, Oliver Wolcott.

A count by the Moderator showed that 23 voters were present, and he declared there was not a sufficient number of voters present to constitute a quorum.

As there was not a sufficient number of voters present, the Moderator declared that the meeting be adjourned.

Attest:

FRANCIS H. WHIPPLE,
Town Clerk.

REPORT OF SPECIAL STATE PRIMARY
Held November 24, 1953

FOR NOMINATIONS FOR REPRESENTATIVE TO FILL VACANCY IN FIFTEENTH ESSEX DISTRICT

TELLERS AND ELECTION OFFICERS

Republican	*Democratic*
Everett F. Haley	Mary T. Greeley
Lawrence R. Stone	Jessie W. B. Cunningham

Arthur M. Knight

Town Clerk

Francis H. Whipple

Police

Edward Frederick

The warrant was read and polls opened at one o'clock P.M. by Lawrence R. Stone, Member of the Board of Selectmen.

A total of 197 votes were cast, 197 Republicans and No Democrats, as follows:

Republican

Herbert S. Tuckerman	172
Clarence S. Wilkinson	23
Blanks	2

Democratic

No votes cast

The polls were declared closed at 8:00 P.M. by Everett F. Haley, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. The results of the balloting were announced at 8:10 P.M.

Attest:

FRANCIS H. WHIPPLE,
Town Clerk.

REPORT OF SPECIAL STATE ELECTION

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT TO FILL VACANCY IN FIFTEENTH ESSEX DISTRICT

TELLERS AND ELECTION OFFICERS

Everett F. Haley
Lawrence R. Stone
Arthur M. Knight

Frank C. Back
Jessie W. B. Cunningham
Mary T. Greeley

Town Clerk

Francis H. Whipple

Police

Edward Frederick

The warrant was read and the polls were opened at twelve noon by Everett F. Haley, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen.

A total of 201 votes were cast, 114 men, and 87 women, as follows:

Herbert S. Tuckerman (Republican)	183
Wilfred J. St. Charles (Independent)	16
Blanks	2

The polls were declared closed at 8:00 P.M. by Everett F. Haley, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. The results of the balloting were announced at 8:10 P.M.

Attest:

FRANCIS H. WHIPPLE,
Town Clerk.

1953 BIRTHS RECORDED

Janice Pedrick, daughter of A. Robert and Jeanette A. (Pederick) Abbott.
Cynthia Ann, daughter of Gordon H. and Lillian M. (Williams) Allen, Jr.
Dana Paul, son of Edward F. W. H. and Dolores F. (Fortin) Andrews.
William Richard, son of William R. and Sylvia (Learned) Bancroft.
Patricia Louise, daughter of John A. and Mary L. (Holland) Bick, Jr.
Susan Croft, daughter of William C. and Minnette (Duffy) Bickel.
Daniel Lawrence, son of Lawrence C. and Katherine (MacDonald) Berry.
Carol Lee, daughter of Walter F. and Evelyn F. (Kling) Bosse.
Charles Barre, Jr., son of Charles B. and Dorothy (Reynolds) Brooks.
David Mark, son of Howard J. and Shirley A. (Sargeant) Bullard.
Thomas Paul, son of Philip J. and Barbara T. (Dooley) Burnham.
Carol Elaine, daughter of Orville R. and Jean E. (Thimmer) Burr.
David Wayne, son of Philip and Grace M. (Griffin) Caverly.
Gail Marie, daughter of Paul L. and Elizabeth (Stelline) Chagnon.
Christine, daughter of Lester D. and Shirley E. (Sillars) Charles.
John Douglas, son of Loren R. and Dorothy M. (Dyke) Clark.
Kevin Charles, son of Leonard C. and Mary Louise (Zurad) Conches.
Shelia Claire, daughter of Peter C. and Margery (Speris) Costas.
Bryan Gordon, son of Gordon G. and Louise A. (Sollows) Crosby.
Cathy Gale, daughter of Elmer J. and Nancy (Cox) Davison.
Linda Ann, daughter of Richard E. and Barbara A. (Elario) Dawson.
Jane Theresa, daughter of Louis G. and Mary Anne (Everard) DeAngelis.
Rosamond Alice, daughter of John A. and Rosamond A. (Churchill) Dunn.
Barbara Ann, daughter of Willard H. and Phyllis (Webber) Estes, Jr.
David, John, son of John and Alice (Davis) Evans.
Edward Joseph, son of Joseph T. and Elizabeth B. (Fallon) Ferris.
Virginia Lucie, daughter of Walter H. and Lucie R. (Jacques) Forster, Jr.
Sharon Frances, daughter of Alfred J. and Barbara R. (Sweeney) Foster.
Kathleen Julia, daughter of James K. and Jane J. (Kettell) Girard.
Norman Michael, Jr., son of Norman M. and Virginia P. (Brady) Gluckert.
Deborah Margaret, daughter of Leslie H. and Rita M. (Elario) Green.
Nancy Jane, daughter of Ernest S. and Christine L. (Osier) Griffin.
James Bryan, son of Jerome M. and Dale A. (Perrett) Gruber.
Norman Roy, son of Walter R. and Miriam (Thomas) Hamond.
Deborah Marie, daughter of Clifford H. and Betty A. (Connor) Harris, Jr.
Stephen Minot, son of Guy P. and Miriam M. (Minot) Haskell.
David Wayne, son of Donald E. and Virginia (Doran) Healy.
Paula Gertrude, daughter of Gordon A. and Virginia G. (Gould) Hemenway.
Mona Jean, daughter of Montrose and Mary E. (Murphy) Hill.
Nancy Cole, daughter of Robert T. and Joanne (Cole) Hines.
Faith Schuyler, daughter of Rev. Halsey D. W. and Carol (Edgelow) Howe.
John Webster, son of George K. and Betty M. (Fennell) Huckins.
Andrew, son of Howard J. and Margery D. (Magens) Huemmler.
Bruce Francis, son of John W. and Dorothy G. (Klein) Ireland.
Shelby Tevis, daughter of Joe Y. and Doradel (Young) Jackson.

Victoria Carol, daughter of Paul K. and Christine E. (Coleman) Jewett.
Roger Leonard, son of Alan F. and Hope (Mayer) Kay.
Leslie Eugene, son of Floyd L. and Pala (Chung) Killiam.
Claudia Ayer, daughter of John S. and Hilda R. (Ayer) King.
Ronald Charles son of Richard E. and Ruth H. (Jackson) Knowlton.
Janet Elaine, daughter of William P. and Shirley E. (Abbott) Koloski.
Edmund Willis, 3rd, son of Edmund W. and Jacqueline (White) Lakeman.
Karen Angela, daughter of Austin and Olive A. (Reirson) Lattanzi.
son of Henry A. and Elizabeth B. (Crumpton) Laughlin.
Stephen Farrington, son of Harold F. and Martha (Reilly) Libby, Jr.
Doris Arline, daughter of Edward W. and Vera A. (Stewart) Lutes.
Jean May, daughter of John D. and May M. (Moran) MacIsaac.
Stanley Rae, III, son of Stanley R. and Joanne C. (McKay) Mackay.
Raymond Donat, Jr., son of Raymond D. and Theresa (Cronin) Mailhoit.
Elizabeth Alida, daughter of Francis G. and Yvonne D. (Fraser) Martel.
Jane Eileen, daughter of Raymond R. and Stella M. (Chmura) Martel.
Diane Elaine, daughter of Roger W. and Dorothy E. (Vickery) Martin.
Rebecca Robin, daughter of Roger S. and Janice H. (Blenkhorn) Merry.
Holly Walton, daughter of Thomas D. and Francise (Walton) Meyer.
Emily, daughter of Harold D. and Jeanne (Collins) Moses.
Julie Ann, daughter of Fabian F. and Marie L. (Carlson) Mozdziez.
James Richard, son of Edward W. and Ellen M. (Brennan) McGuiness.
Sally, daughter of A. A. Shaw and Katharine (Winthrop) McKean.
Nancy Jean, daughter of Robert H. and Marjorie E. (Hodgkins) Nelson.
John Rodman, son of Rodman A. and Mildred (Fimple) Nichols.
Mark Leonard, son of Rodman A. and Mildred (Fimple) Nichols.
Andrea Marie, daughter of Richard M. and Clarice (Bucknam) Owens, Jr.
Andrew Merrill, son of Richard M. and Clarice (Bucknam) Owens, Jr.
Darrell Keith, son of Mallard O. and Merle (Workman) Palm.
Samuel Sumner, III, son of Samuel S. and Ramona N. (Stewart) Peabody, Jr.
Tanya Louise, daughter of Sanford C. and Barbara (Lunt) Peek.
Raymond Glenwood, son of John J. and Elizabeth W. (King) Perkins.
Cathy Ann, daughter of Richard L. and Leonda (Bisegne) Pesce.
David Scott, son of Lewis K. and Donna (Love) Pierce, Jr.
Sumner, III, son of Sumner and Janet (Ford) Pingree, Jr.
Dean Christian, son of Carl and Anna M. (Andrews) Poehler, Jr.
Deborah Ann, daughter of Joseph C. and Phyllis (Hight) Quinn.
Edward Harold, son of Harold W. and Joann M. (Murphy) Regan.
Kathy Marie, daughter of George H. and Mary G. (Walton) Ricker.
Susan, daughter of Warren and Helen F. (Stranberg) Riddle.
Catherine Julia, daughter of Joseph V. and Veronica M. (McParland) Sargent.
Janine Marie, daughter of Merrill J. and Marjorie (Buck) Smallwood, Jr.
Charles Arthur, 2nd, son of Roger A. and Irene (Woleyko) Smerage.
Lisa Beach, daughter of Sherwood B. and Mary W. (Cameron) Stockwell.
Terry Francis, son of George J. and Jeanette (Levis) Sullivan.
Clyde Wesley, 3rd, son of Clyde W. and Jacqueline P. (Brower) Wallace, Jr.

Edward Lee, 3rd, son of Edward L. and Margaret (Murray) Wheatley, Jr.
Dana Baker, son of David P. and Constance (Baker) Wilde.
Richard White, son of Grovenor N. and Estelle S. (White) Wills.
Oliver, III, son of Oliver and Carolyn S. (Kinney) Wolcott, Jr.

1953 MARRIAGES RECORDED

Donald F. Allen of Hamilton, Mass.
Janet E. McDonald of Hamilton, Mass.

Thomas James Bane of Hamilton, Mass.
Barbara Ann McCuddy of Dorchester, Mass.

Dana Hunt Benfield of Hamilton, Mass.
Sarah J. Gelineau of Salem, Mass.

George H. Bown of West Newbury, Mass.
Ellen Irene Marshall of Rowley, Mass.

Carlton B. Brackett of Hamilton, Mass.
Esther A. Wilkins of Danvers, Mass.

Norman James Brown of Hamilton, Mass.
Dolores Florida LeClair of Beverly, Mass.

Wallace Bruce, Jr. of Beverly, Mass.
Elizabeth Ann Pope of Hamilton, Mass.

Chester Benjamin Curtis of Lynn, Mass.
Helen Aspinwall Miller of Beverly, Mass.

Stephen J. D'Arcy of Hamilton, Mass.
Jean Marie Cannon of Beverly, Mass.

Roger S. Dunn of Hamilton, Mass.
Marjorie May Whiting of Danvers, Mass.

Robert S. Gates of Hamilton, Mass.
Katherine A. Sanders of Hamilton, Mass.

Robert A. Greeley of Hamilton, Mass.
Irene A. Tabor of Ipswich, Mass.

Wayne A. Grove of Hamilton, Mass.
Anna M. Eskelson of Hamilton, Mass.

Robert L. Hutchins of Winchester, Mass.
Barbara J. Cushman of Hamilton, Mass.

Henry F. Jendraszek of Salem, Mass.
Elizabeth A. Henley of Hamilton, Mass.

Robert Donald Johnson of Hamilton, Mass.
Claire Ardith Boyd of Hudson, Mass.

Roger S. Merry of Hamilton, Mass.
Helen J. Blenkhorn of Hamilton, Mass.

John A. Morgan of Northport, Long Island
Elizabeth R. Choate of Danvers, Mass.

Eric E. J. Muise of Gloucester, Mass.
Florence I. McCormick of Hamilton, Mass.

Cornelius Joseph Murray, Jr. of Beverly Farms, Mass.
Patricia Ann McCarthy of Hamilton, Mass.

Frank Thomas Paradis of Rockport, Mass.
Barbara Clark Haley of Hamilton, Mass.

Lee Peterson of Hamilton, Mass.
Dorothy H. Wilson of Hamilton, Mass.

Philip A. Reilly of New Harbor, Maine
Elsie Larkin of Hamilton, Mass.

Lawrence Francis Rice of Beverly, Mass.
Hannah Rita Cullinane of Hamilton, Mass.

Leroy W. Saunders of Hamilton, Mass.
Mary J. Lewis of Danvers, Mass.

Joseph Alfred Sciola of Beverly, Mass.
Virginia Ann Stelline of Hamilton, Mass.

Paul S. Tucker of Hamilton, Mass.
Theresa Gloria D'Amato of Beverly, Mass.

1953 DEATHS RECORDED

Name	*Years*	*Months*	*Days*
Frank Benfield	61	7	6
Fred Berry	92	3	6
Susan Bigney	78	5	28
Anthony Blunda	27		
William A. Caldwell	66	2	27
Edward Carter	61	9	25
Lucy G. Cheever	71	0	10
Francis Thompson Colby	71	5	5
Benjamin R. Cronk	75	10	29
Louise Cyr	42		
Maude I. Davis	79	5	29
Mary Day	80	3	3
Maude E. Dodge	62	0	3
John C. Flegg	61	8	24
Ada Dollen Gloucester	95	1	6
Laura A. Haskell	92	0	9
John W. Hubbard	73	5	29
Nathan Knowles	69	7	19
Mae E. Knowlton	64		
Catherine Wilmot Lunn	93		
Edward W. MacGregor	67	4	22
Madeleine MacGregor	59	9	16
Anna L. Mann	85	7	21
John J. Melanson	83		
Timothy A. Moynihan	88		
Mary Ann Morrison	73	3	22
Ida E. Norton	67		
Beatrice Ayer Patton	67	8	18
Nellie Dane Perkins	79	3	16
James H. Perron	82		
Joseph P. Provancher	75	0	23
Alkin Sagawinia	45	8	19
John A. Stelline			
Mami G. Sullivan	58	8	21
Charita Vennard	67	1	7

JURY LIST FOR 1954

William Bell, Orchard Road, Engineer
Hazel M. C. Bray, 12 Western Avenue, Housekeeper
James W. Brown, 640 Bay Road, Caretaker
Donald O. Butman, 184 Essex Street, Caretaker
Lester D. Charles, 55 Plum Street, Painter
Donald H. Child, 10 Maple Street, Clerk
Gerald W. Cleversey, 25 Moynihan Road, Engineer
Walter D. Cooke, 25 Mill Street, Machinist
Donald F. Cutler, Jr., 1031 Bay Road, Electronics
Harold F. Day, 222 Asbury Street, Accountant
Charles W. Dolliver, 54 Hamilton Avenue, Asst. Superintendent
Robert M. Dunn, 80 Union Street, Stonecutter
John C. Garland, 2 Carriage Lane, Banker
Pauline C. Gould, 33 Home Street, At Home
Frederick W. Gray, 163 Railroad Avenue, Bank Clerk
Warren R. Gray, 21 Garfield Avenue, Painter
Helen W. Haraden, 569 Bay Road, P. O. Clerk
Ralph T. Harrigan, Pilgrim Road, Machinist
Daniel E. Hughes, 10 Lincoln Avenue, Draftsman
Cleaves K. Hutchinson, 12 Lake Drive, Greenskeeper
Harold M. Johnson, Jr., Perkins Avenue, Television Repairman
Nellie C. Knowlton, 22 School Street, Housewife
Richard E. Knowlton, 121 School Street, Bank Teller
Edgar Letalien, 44 Sagamore Road, Foreman
William F. MacKenzie, 139 Cutler Road, Machine Designer
Raymond D. Mailhoit, 61 Maple Street, Proprietor
Fred C. Morris, 44 Garfield Avenue, Janitor
Alfred H. Nickerson, 110 Linden Street, Machinist
Morley L. Piper, 40 Orchard Road, Newspaper
Philip S. Plummer, 16 Arlington Street, Superintendent
Harold E. Porter, Wallingfield Road, Auto Dealer
Edward B. Pulsifer, 22 Bay Road, Factory Worker
Roland S. Stone, 259 Bridge Street, Machinist
Robert H. Trussell, Bay Road, Contractor
Raymond A. Whipple, 46 Margerie Street, Superintendent
C. Donald Woodman, 409 Essex Street, Machinist

REPORT OF THE PARK COMMISSIONERS

To the Citizens of the Town of Hamilton:

The Board of Park Commissioners herewith submit their report for the year ending December 31, 1953.

Registration and attendance at Patton Park during the playground season showed continued growth. The first week ended with a record enrollment of two hundred eighty-six. Juniors had the heaviest listing of one hundred six. The boys of the intermediate and senior sections were next with ninety-five and the girls had eighty-five.

Average daily attendance was one hundred fourteen. The season was good in regard to the weather, with very little time lost. Several morning sessions for the younger group were closed, when grounds and equipment were too wet for safe use.

The playground had four Beach Days this year. Three of these were made possible through the generosity of the Mothers' Club. The first being the annual Mothers' Club Picnic, held June 24, at Wingaersheek Beach in West Gloucester, to which one hundred fifty children were taken. This same organization made it possible for two more beach days by a gift to the Park Department. A fourth beach day at Singing Beach on August 12, was made possible through several parents and the interest and enthusiasm of Mrs. Gerald Colwell and Ted Johnson, our instructors. The Park Commissioners would like to express their appreciation for this most helpful assistance.

Again this year, as a means of stimulating better attendance after Beach Day, we had our special events each week. These events included a Scavenger Hunt, Volleyball game, Weenie Roast, Doll Show, Field Day, Decathlon Trials, Decathlon Run-offs and the Canobie Lake Trip.

The regular daily program included some individual and team activities as well as a daily handwork period for the intermediate and senior girls and boys. Younger girls and boys had individual and circle games as well as free play on the swings and other equipment. Their handiwork period was an all morning affair, because of their large numbers. The small children at Roosevelt Park also enjoyed this handwork period, one morning a week. Whether this can continue another year with the steady increase of small children at Patton Park remains to be seen.

The season was a very busy and happy one. Once more, Patton Park closed with an excellent safety record. This was made possible through the complete co-operation of Mr. James Goodrich and his staff, in keeping the equipment, courts and grounds in excellent condition at all times. This was no easy task this year, due to the heavy use of all play equipment.

This year along with the maintenance of the Soldiers Green, the Manassah Cutler Park, Roosevelt Avenue Park, the Robert Walsh Park at Chebacco Lake and Patton Memorial Park, we have as voted by the Town, taken over the care of the High School grounds and the new Elementary School grounds. The latter will need considerable care in the coming year.

In the past few years the need of toilet facilities at Patton Park has become increasingly apparent. With the continued growth of our summer program, thought must be given to the safety of small children leaving the park to find these facilities. We believe that a small building for this purpose should be erected.

We would like to express our appreciation to the A. P. Gardner Post, American Legion, who again loaned their amplifier system for use at the skating rink.

The Park Commissioners wish to thank the Town Officials, all other town departments and the citizens of the town, for their fine co-operation in making this a very successful year.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT P. LOUGEE
PHILIP C. HOPKINS
RAY M. SANFORD
Park Commissioners.

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

To the Citizens of the Town of Hamilton:

The Cemetery Commissioners submit herewith their annual report for the year ending December 31, 1953.

Twenty-four interments were cared for by the Superintendent.

Two family size lots were sold.

The project started in 1951 to build fifty-eight, eight grave lots has been completed.

Because of the ravages of time, at least two of the pine trees near the main entrance will have to be removed in 1954—one struck by lightning, the other is infested by ants.

The cooperation given the Cemetery by the various Town departments is greatly appreciated.

We wish to thank our Superintendent, Philip S. Plummer, who has performed his duties so conscientiously.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND A. WHIPPLE
LAWRENCE C. FOSTER
JOHN T. WALKE

Lydia Haraden

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

To the Citizens of the Town of Hamilton:

The close of 1953 is like the passing of an era to your Trustees of the Public Library, as well as to many of the town's citizens, marking, as it does, the resignation of our librarian, Mrs. Lydia Haraden, after more than thirty-four years of devoted service. Mrs. Haraden's resignation was required under terms of the state retirement regulations, and the trustees received it with regret. They join with the townpeople in expressing sincere gratitude for her long and faithful service and wishing her many years of happy retirement.

Hamilton is fortunate in her successor, Mrs. Fred H. Brown of Wenham, who brings a splendid background of library experience to her new position. Mrs. Brown is a graduate of Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, her native state, here she received her first library training at Ohio State University. This was supplemented with library work at New Lexington, Ohio, and with a library training course at University of Michigan. She has already taken up her duties at the Main Library in the Town Hall.

Reaction throughout the year to the newly located and completely refurnished Main Library has been enthusiastic on the part of the citizens,

and has resulted in greater use of its facilities, notably among the young people. This has been a source of much satisfaction to the trustees and to the Friends of the Library, a civic-minded group organized in 1952, who were in large part responsible for the results. The Friends of the Library are now centering their attention on the Branch Library at South Hamilton, and under the leadership of Mrs. Alan Kay have been engaged in a careful "weeding" job for several months, under the supervision of Miss Alice M. Cahill and Miss Evelyn Robinson of the State Division of Libraries, to whom the trustees wish to express their thanks. A concerted effort to make the Branch room more attractive and useful will be made during 1954 by the trustees with the assistance of our veteran librarian, Mrs. Alvin Perley.

The trustees appreciate the work of the Book Selection Committee, headed by Melvin Reid, assisted by Mrs. B. Grant Dodd, Mrs. Halsey DeWolfe Howe, Mrs. Frank Pulsifer, and Clement F. Hayes. They also wish to express their gratitude for the splendid cooperation of Mrs. Haraden and Mrs. Perley as well as to all those who have shown themselves true Friends of the Library.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN F. NEARY
SARAH H. TRUSSELL
MELVIN F. REID

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

To the Trustees of the Public Library:

Herewith is presented the Annual Report for 1953.

The Circulation of books for the year was 9112 books; at the Main Library 3106; at the Branch Library 6006.

Circulation of fiction, at the Branch Library, Adults 4400; juvenile 998. At the Main Library, Adults 1164, juvenile 1167. Non-fiction, at the Branch Library, Adults 519, Juvenile 89. At the Main Library, Adults 603, Juvenile 172. Circulation at Branch Library was 432 less than in 1952. At the Main Library a loss of 1404 due to the fact that the library was moved to other quarters and we were closed for four months.

Magazine circulation. Main Library 537; at the Branch Library 566. Total 1103.

Total Books and Magazines. Main Library 3643; at the Branch Library 6572. Total 10,215.

Respectfully submitted,

LYDIA L. HARADEN,
Librarian.

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

To the Citizens of Hamilton:

Greetings:

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 35, of the General Laws, I hereby submit my annual report of the Treasury Department for the year ending December 31, 1953.

TREASURER'S CASH

Receipts	$388,053.30	
Payments	210,849.18	
		$177,204.12
Beverly Trust Co.	$124,512.37	
Merchants National	5,366.65	
Day Trust Co.	42,609.92	
Cash	4,715.18	
		$177,204.12

I wish to take this opportunity to convey my sincere thanks to not only the town officials, but also the many persons who have assisted me during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

WALFRED B. SELLMAN,
Town Treasurer.

TOWN COLLECTOR'S REPORT

In Account with the Town of Hamilton

Year	Tax	Outstanding Jan 1, 1953	Refunds	Abatements Rescinded	Collected	Abatements	Transferred to Tax Title	Uncollected
1952	Real Estate	$9.713 29	$38 00		9,506 19	$112 10	$133 00	None
1952	Personal Property	1,178 80			767 07	411 73		None
1952	Motor Excise	978 67						
1952	Ex. Committed in 1953	2.052 45	184 58		2,947 71	267 99		None
		1953 Commitments						
1953	Real Estate	$283.635 03	$951 31		$267,579 88	$6.398 35	$214 20	$10.393 91
1953	Personal Property	26,334 42	3 10		24,658 57	850 50		828 45
1953	Moth	846 60			801 30			None
1953	Polls	2,170 00	2 00	$4.00	1,812 00	364 00		45 30
1953	Motor Excise	33,050 76	777 80		27,256 43	2,298 50		4,273 63
1953	Water Rates Balance	2,484 64						
1953	Rates Commitments	23.479 87	26 60		23,248 56	73 10		2,669 45
1953	Water Services Bal.	388 76						
1953	Services Commitments	2,276 39	14 00		2,413 85	1 00		264 30
1953	Cemetery Balance	139 25						
1953	Cemetery Commitments	489 00		9 00	455 00	33 75		148 50

Respectfuly submitted,

BERTHA L. CROWELL, *Town Collector.*

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

To the Citizens of Hamilton:

The Board of Water Commissioners herewith submit its eighteenth annual report of the activities of the Water Department.

Under the extension of mains program the Department has laid approximately one thousand one hundred eighteen feet of six inch water main on Margaret and Linden Streets during the past year.

We have had several requests from residents expressing their desire for town water. Our intentions are to extend the mains to their areas in the near future. During the past several years the Town has appropriated $5,000 for extensions of mains. With the high cost of pipe and necessary fittings we are only able to extend the mains a short distance each year.

With the consumption of 65,000,000 gallons of water the past year and a daily consumption of 400,000 per day during the dry months, we are aware that in view of the rapid growth of the system, which was 17% in 1953, we are fast reaching the time when an additional supply will be necessary.

During the year we purchased a new ¾ ton Ford truck, equipped with a service master all purpose body especially adapted to the needs of the department. With the addition of this piece of equipment and our Dodge truck, the transportation facilities of meter readers and materials to various locations are much improved. The Park Department have had the use of the Dodge to transport mowers and material when not urgently needed by us.

A three inch diaphragm suction pump was purchased during the past year. This piece of equipment has proven very valuable to the Department in several instances. It has also been used by other town departments to combat water difficulty when the occasion required.

We express our appreciation for the assistance and cooperation rendered us during the past year by the Clerk, Superintendent, other town officials, and the citizens of Hamilton.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD H. SMITH, *Chairman*
GEORGE A. HARRIGAN
GORDON L. THOMPSON
Board of Water Commissioners.

REPORT OF THE WATER SUPERINTENDENT

To the Board of Water Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN:

I herewith submit my report of the activities of the Water Department for the year 1953.

The Department has experienced another busy year due to the continued new building and extension of mains.

The personnel of the department laid 668 feet of 6 inch Keasbey & Mattison pipe on Margaret Road, installed 2 Ludlow hydrants and 7 six inch gate valves. This line feeds into the pipe on Homestead Circle which was laid by the developer and accepted by the Town. 450 feet of six inch K and M pipe was laid on Linden Street, the connection being made at Lois Street and extending toward Highland Street. It was necessary to lay 380 feet of 2 inch pipe in the sidewalk on Railroad Avenue and Bay Road to service a new business block.

A six inch connection was made on Highland Street at the entrance to Asbury Grove Association to supply the Grove with water for domestic use and fire protection. The expense of this installation, except within the confines of the street bounds, was met by the Asbury Grove Association. The Department is now supplying in the Grove thirty-four summer and six permanent services as well as three hydrants.

One hundred and fifty-one applications for house services were received during the year, all of which have been installed making a total of 1056 services.

The records kept at the Pumping Station show that a total of 65,606,100 gal. were pumped during the year.

1953

Total Gallons Pumped	Old Station	21,544,000
Total Gallons Pumped	New Station	44,062,100
		65,606,100
Daily Average Consumption		179,469 gallons

1952

Total Gallons Pumped	61,381,700
Daily Average Consumption	168,169 gallons

The Fire Hydrants have been inspected and repairs effected where needed. One hydrant has been relocated at the corner of Asbury Street and Porter Lane.

Water meters have been read quarterly, repaired and replaced when necessary.

Water samples have been taken every two weeks and sent to the Department of Public Health for bacterial analysis. A test for chemical analysis is made twice a year.

In closing I wish to thank the Board of Water Commissioners for their advice and cooperation, also all other town Departments that have rendered their assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND A. WHIPPLE.
Superintendent,
Water Department.

REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY SURVEYOR

To the Citizens of the Town of Hamilton:

I herewith submit my report of the Highway Department of the year ending December 31, 1953.

Necessary patching and maintenance work was carried on throughout the year. Several streets were oiled to keep the surface from breaking up.

Bridge Street was sealed under Chapter 90 Maintenance work. Progress was continued on grading and oiling gravel roads. Catch basins were cleaned and guard rails repaired and painted.

Sidewalks were sloped up and surfaced on Hamilton, Railroad, and Lorenzo Avenues, also Mill Street and Linden Street Extension.

The tractor purchased by authority of the Annual Town Meeting proved its value throughout the year, being used as a bulldozer by the Highway and Water Departments during the summer months, and a sidewalk plow in winter.

I extend my sincere appreciation to the citizens of Hamilton and all town officials and departments that have assisted me during the past year, especially the Tree Warden and the Water Department's assistance to me during snow storms. As in the past the Highway Department remains cooperative in assisting all Town Departments whenever possible.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES F. POOLE.
Highway Surveyor.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Hamilton:

The following report covers the activities of the Board of Health for the calendar year ending 31 December, 1953:

The Board of Health was reorganized on Monday evening, 16 March, 1954. At that time, Arthur M. Knight was unanimously elected Chairman, with Lawrence R. Stone and Everett F. Haley members of the Board.

During the year, routine rubbish collections were maintained with very good results. The Board wishes that it could say the same for the garbage collections. The garbage collection was put out on "bids" during the month of December and the contract was awarded to the lowest bidder; namely, Michael Tauraso of Salem. Due to Mr. Tauraso's inability to maintain prompt and efficient service, the Board cancelled his contract and took up the next lowest bidder. At the time of this writing, the garbage collections are being made by Mr. Nicholas Papanickolas of Peabody, a hog raiser. It is the opinion of the Board that Mr. Papanickolas will render good service to the Town.

The Board has drawn up a Schedule Card listing the dates of rubbish collection in various parts of the Town and on the reverse side there is a Town Department Directory.

During the past year, the Board has amended the Rules and Regulations relative to Sewage Disposal installations; copies of these changes may be had upon application to the Town Clerk.

The Board has met many times during the year for the purpose of inspecting proposed building sites and to determine the fitness of the area for sewage disposal and drainage from a standpoint of Public Health. The Board has arranged for a FREE X-Ray Survey of the Town. This Survey will take place at the Community House during the week of March 21, 1954. All inhabitants of the Town, over fifteen years of age, are eligible. At a recent meeting with a representative of the Massachusetts Department of Public Works, Division of Waterways, it was requested that they cause a preliminary survey of the Miles River for the purpose of reporting to this Board the feasibility of dredging, in order to cause the flow of water toward the Ipswich River, which in turn should lower the water table along the route of the river.

The Dental Clinic, under the direction of Dr. John King, assisted by Miss Florence Stobbart, School Nurse, has maintained the same high type of professional service to the children of the first six grades. The Board, at this time, feels that due to the increased school population, Dr. King cannot get around to each child a sufficient number of times, in many cases, to finish the needed work and issue a certificate. The Board feels that the Clinic should be restricted to the first three grades, in order to guarantee the issuance of the highest number of dental certificates possible. Dr. King's report of the activities of the Dental Clinic may be found elsewhere in the Town Report.

The following is a list of diseases recorded during the past year:

Measles 4	Scarlet Fever 1
Mumps 4	Chicken Pox 2

The Board wishes to express its thanks to Mr. Charles F. Poole, Highway Surveyor, for his fine co-operation and also wishes to express its thanks to Mr. Francis Whipple, Clerk of the Board of Health, and all other persons who have assisted us during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR M. KNIGHT
EVERETT F. HALEY
LAWRENCE R. STONE
Board of Health.

REPORT OF THE CIVIL DEFENSE AGENCY

To the Citizens of the Town of Hamilton:

Your Civil Defense Agency has been comparatively inactive during 1953, a situation that has likewise existed on state and national levels, despite the fact that executives in high office have inveighed against it. Public apathy persists, and your agency finds it difficult to combat. A local example concerns our attempts to organize Red Cross first aid courses. More than one opportunity for public participation in such valuable instruction was provided during the year, and duly publicized. Each time it was impossible to interest enough candidates to warrant the undertaking.

However, our organizational apparatus remains intact, and can be counted on in emergency. We have maintained close relations with the state's Civil Defense headquarters, and your Director has attended the regional conferences. The only personnel change during the past year occured in the Medical Aid Division. We accepted with regret the resignation of the director, Dr. Henry F. Larchez, which was made necessary by pressure of business. Dr. Albert R. Larchez has very kindly agreed to assume these duties.

Your Director has been gratified that the police car radio provided by the Agency has proved itself a distinct civic asset during the past year, in addition to being available should defense emergency arise. For example, police and fire officials of the town were high in praise of the service rendered by the radio on the occasion of the Flying Horse Farm fire.

Another division of your Civil Defense Agency which has proved itself of great value to the town in 1953 is the Auxiliary Police units, operating under the energetic leadership of Marshall D. Gero. The twenty men enrolled have been equipped at no expense to the town. They have rendered splendid assistance in connection with the following: Friday evening protective service at Community House movies, horse and dog shows, air raid drills, traffic duty, ambulance assistance, church fairs, fires, auto accidents, police work, Fourth of July and Halloween. Almost four hours were given to the town by these public-spirited citizens. Your Agency is deeply grateful for this contribution, and feels sure that the citizenry shares this gratitude.

I am pleased to have this opportunity to express our appreciation publicly to all who have assisted us during the past year, and I trust that all Civil Defense personnel will continue to hold themselves in readiness for any eventuality.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. PERKINS,
Director.

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Engineers of the Fire Department herewith submit their report for the year ending December 31, 1953.

Th Department responded to 68 alarms during the year.

The amount of hose laid: ¾"—5050 feet; 1½"—600 feet; 2½"—3800 feet.

The amount of water used from booster tanks was 11,700 gals.

400 feet of 2½" hose was purchased during the year.

ALARMS FOR 1953

Date	*Dist. No.*	*Nature*	*Location*	*Owner*
Jan. 30	41	House,	Highland Street,	Eileen Mortenson
30		Lightening Unit,	Ipswich	
31	21	Grass,	Asbury Street,	Christ Church
31	16	Chimney,	Woodbury Street,	Helen Frick
Feb. 2	3-3-3	Ipswich		
1	21	Inhalator Call		
2	21	Oil Burner,	Union Street,	Merrill J. Smallwood
9	12	Building,	Appleton Street,	Gordon Plummer
14	31	Chimney,	Boston Avenue,	Maynard MacGregor
28	23	Grass,	Main Street,	Richard Smith
Mar. 1	14	Chimney,	Bridge Street,	E. W. Henderson
2	25	Grass-Fence,	Cutler Road,	S. A. Spaulding
2	23	Rubbish,	Rock Maple Avenue,	George Dawe
5	23	House,	Main Street,	Benjamin Pearse
6	21	Grass-Brush	Willow Street,	Dr. Albert Larchez
7	12	Grass-Brush,	Woodbury Street,	J. F. Cleveland
7	21	Dump,	Railroad Avenue,	Mrs. Wm. Lee
9	23	Grass,	Bay Road,	Jackson Shinkle
9	21	Rubbish,	Willow Street,	P. J. Hansbury
11	24	Grass,	Sagamore Farm Road,	E. H. Porter
12	21	Grass,	Willow Street,	Dr. Albert Larchez
12	23	Grass,	Bridge Street,	Mrs. Emma Rice
18	41	House,	Highland Street,	Theodore Johnson
22	21	Grass,	Asbury Street,	W. R. Herrick
23	31	Grass,	Asbury Street,	Frank Maione
23	41	Grass,	Highland Street,	Lester Holmes
Apr. 1	41	House,	Perkins Avenue,	Arthur S. Purdy
4	23	Grass,	Bay Road,	Charles Rice
10	24	Grass,	Gardner Street,	Dr. John Corcoran
12	21	Grass,	Asbury Street,	Mrs. Walter Cullen

	23	17	Grass, Forest Street, R. Smithson
	29	21	Brush, Linden Street, T. A. Moynihan
May	10	24	Grass-Autos, Off Bay Road, Benjamin Pearse
	24	24	Grass, Off Bay Road, D. F. Cutler
	24	13	Grass, Essex Street, Bartlett Gardens
	27	24	Grass-Brush, Sagamore Street, H. C. Hatfield
June	2	23	Tree, Bay Road, Lee Mann
	13	31	Dump, Off Asbury Street, Frank Maione
	13	14	Dump, Sagamore Road, Harland Clock
	21	17	Drowning, Chebbaco Lake
	22	12	Brush, Knowlton Street
Aug.	18	21	Auto, Railroad Avenue, James Hay
	23	24	Auto, Off Bay Road
	25	32	Brush, Off Winthrop Street, Glen Senior
	26	32	Brush, Highland Street, Sumner Pingree
	29	21	Grass-Rubbish, Asbury Street, F. MacDonald
Sept.	1	13	Chimney, Essex Street, Paul Lebenbawn, Jr.
	8	15	Grass, Essex Street, C. H. Newlin
	11	12	Grass, Off Moulton Street, Forrester Clark
	13	25	Grass, Cutler Road, Col. Colby
	20		Inhalator Call
	23	23	Chimney, Bridge Street, G. H. Barney
	30	17	Brush, Off Forest Street, Theodore Maione
Oct.	2	21	Grass, Off Walnut Road, Everett Haley
	4	21	Grass, Off Linden Street, Est. T. A. Moynihan
	6	21	Rubbish, Union Street, W. H. Estes
	16	24	Grass, Bay Road, John Hartnett
Nov.	4	21	Rubbish, Maple Street, Edward Pulsifer
	4	32	Barn, Highland Street, Sumner Pingree
	5	31	Rubbish, Garfield Avenue, Fred Morris
	5		Grass-Brush, Wenham
Dec.	15	24	Grass-Brush, Bay Road, John Neary
	25	41	False
	26	21	Grass, Walnut Road, Martha Pierce
	26	21	Oil Burner, Park Street, John Szaryc
	27	21	Grass, Chestnut Street, Richard Johnson
	27	24	Grass, Off Bay Road, Col. Porter
	30	32	Barn, Winthrop Street, Glen Senior

We express our appreciation to all who may have assisted the Fire Department during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

A. MERRILL CUMMINGS, *Chief*
RUDOLPH H. HARADEN
HAROLD G. DODD
Fire Engineers.

REPORT OF THE SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

GENTLEMEN:

I have the honor to submit to you the Annual Report of the Department of the Sealer of Weights and Measures for the year ending December 31, 1953.

	Adjusted	*Sealed*	*Not Sealed*	*Condemned*
Scales:				
Over 10,000 lbs.		2		
100 to 5,000 lbs.		5	1	
Under 100		26		
Weights:				
Avoirdupois		19		
Apothecary		10		
Volumetric Measures:				
Liquid Under 1 Gallon		12		
Automatic Liquid				
Measuring Devices:				
Gasoline	1	27		
Oil—Grease		1	3	
Vehicle Tank Meters		4	1	

Trial Weighings and Measurements of Commodities Sold or Put Up For Sale

Commodities	*Total Number Tested*	*Number Correct*	*Under*	*Over*
Bread	22	15	5	2
Butter	11			11
Oleo	11			11
Dry Commodities	44			
Drink & Vegetables	38	2	5	31
Potatoes	32	29	1	2
Sugar	22	11		11

Respectfully submitted,

ERVING O. MAXWELL,
Sealer.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To the Citizens of Hamilton:

The following is a report of the Board of Selectmen for the year 1953.

Pursuant to a vote of the Annual Town Meeting an official Town Bulletin Board was erected on the fire house lot at the corner of Willow Street and Railroad Avenue. This bulletin board will be used for posting voting lists, town warrants, specimen ballots and other official town postings.

The rearrangements and alterations of office space in the town hall were completed during the year. The new quarters of the main library are very attractive and well suited for library purposes. The new office occupied by the town clerk provides much needed room for the keeping of records and conducting the business of the office. The new vault provides for a fireproof storage in the basement and a vault on the first floor for active use. The shelving and equipment in the vault is not completely installed due to lack of sufficient money. An appropriation will be asked for at the 1954 annual town meeting for the purchase of the needed equipment.

Due to the annual town meeting voting to change the name of Main Street to Bay Road, the Board of Selectmen deemed it necessary to change the street signs. Various types of signs were inspected in order to choose a sign that would be considered suitable in appearance and easily read. A sign with black letters on a while background was chosen as the most suitable, a sufficient number purchased to cover the needs of the entire road and interesecting ways. Most of these signs have been erected by the highway department and have met with very favorable comment. The Board plans to purchase more of this type of sign the coming years to be erected where needed on other streets. It is hoped that by adding a few each year all the street signs in town will be of this design and will be uniform.

At the request of several citizens, the Board inquired of the Post Office the possibility of door to door mail delivery service in town. In cooperation with the Post Office Department the Board made a survey to obtain the desire of the patrons of each postoffice. The results of this survey showed that a majority of the patrons favored door to door mail delivery service. This information was transmitted to the Post Office Department, but the decision of the Post Office Department has not been received up to this time.

Chapter 90 Highway Construction work was continued on Essex Street during the year which completed resurfacing to the intersection of Sagamore Street. It is planned to continue this work in 1954 with an appropriation of $875.00 by the town to finish the resurfacing to the Hamilton-Essex Line.

During the year it became necessary for the Treasurer and the Selectmen to borrow $50,000 in anticipation of revenue. Through the efforts of Mr. John H. Perkins we were able to negotiate the loan at a very low interest rate with the Day Trust Co. Although having retired as a Selectman of Hamilton, Mr. Perkins has the interest of Hamilton at heart and is always willing to assist in any way possible.

Each member of the Board expresses his sincere appreciation to all townspeople and all town officials who have assisted the Board during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

EVERETT F. HALEY
LAWRENCE R. STONE
ARTHUR M. KNIGHT
Board of Selectmen.

REPORT OF THE HAMILTON PLANNING BOARD ON THE ADOPTION OF A PROTECTIVE BY-LAW

Ever since the summer of 1946 the citizens of Hamilton have shown considerable interest in the adoption of a protective or zoning by-law. Several unsuccessful attempts have been made to have such a by-law adopted. The closeness of the vote in 1953, when the protective by-law was placed on the ballot, indicates a strong, favorable trend for its adoption. The Planning Board has been urged to afford the citizens of Hamilton another opportunity to consider this matter. A compelling argument in favor of its adoption is that all towns North or West of Boston within a twenty mile radius of the city have zoning by-laws. Although Hamilton is slightly outside this radius the construction of Route 128 has made Hamilton easily accessible by car as well as by train. If Hamiltonians desire to guide the future growth and development of their town they must adopt this protective by-law now.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY J. GOURDEAU, *Chairman*
GEORGE C. CUTLER, JR., *Clerk*
M. KEITH LANDER
ARTHUR E. MORROW
FRANCIS C. MOYNIHAN

REPORT OF THE DENTAL CLINIC

To the Hamilton Board of Health:

GENTLEMEN:

I herewith submit my report of the Hamilton Dental Clinic for the year 1953.

Amalgam fillings	396
Cement or temporary fillings	32
Copper Cement fillings	15
Cement linings	13
Pourlain fillings	2
Cleanings	119
Extractions with novocaine	
Temporary teeth	49
Permanent	9
Novocaine injections for fillings	10
Root treatments	8
X-rays	23
Certificates	68

A certificates means that the child has had everything completed for that year.

At this time I feel that I should say something about the Clinic. In 1941 when it was started, we had in the first six grades about 160 children. Now we have about 390 and going up all the time. I am still seeing the children the same six hours per week. Judging from these figures it is most apparent that I am only reaching a portion of the present 390.

A clinic to be a success should reach every child who wishes to attend and each one should have his or her work completed during the school year. Only by so doing can a Clinic be a success. To prove this, one has only to look back to some of my previous records. When we had only 160 children, it was not uncommon to return 150 or more certificates to the school and for several years the loss of permanent teeth was held to less than three per year. One year only one was lost. This year I worked on 177 different children and nine teeth were lost. I can hardly hope to equal such a record again because of a more transient population.

That I believe gives a picture of the Clinic as of today, and I am wondering what can be done about it.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN KING, D.M.D.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

To the Taxpayers of the Town of Hamilton:

The Assessors are pleased to submit their annual report for the calendar year 1953.

In our previous report we predicted that the year 1953 would show a considerable increase in valuation and the number of dwellings. This is now an actuality as shown by the comparative figures below:

	1950	1951	1952	1953
Total Valuation	$6,323,100.	$6,605,585.	$6,903,155.	$7,377,925.
Number of Buildings	1,059.	1,100.	1,156.	1,231.

The number of Poll Taxes assessed in 1953 was 1,085, compared to 1,023 assessed in the previous year. These statistics will give you a general idea of how rapidly the town is growing.

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Value of buildings	$5,330,400.00		
Value of land	1,420,515.00		
Total value of Real Estate		$6,750,915.00	
Value of Personal Estate		627,010.00	
Total valuation			$7,377,925.00
Tax Rate $42.00 per thousand.			
Tax on Real Estate		$283,538.43	
Tax on Personal Estate		26,334.42	
Tax on Polls. 1,085 at $2.00		2,170.00	
Total taxes assessed			$312,042.85

1953 RECAPITULATION

EXPENDITURES		
Appropriations to be raised by taxation	$440,583.66	
Abatements in excess of overlay (previous years)	309.70	
State Tax and Assessments:		
State Parks and Reservations	439.78	
State Audit of Municipal Accounts	463.49	
County Tax and Assessment:		
County Tax	18,397.05	
Tuberculosis Hospital	5,326.19	
Overlay for the current year	8,887.67	
Gross amount to be raised		$474,407.54

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS

Veterans Benefits	1,000.00
Income Tax	26,830.22
Corporation Taxes	21,594.34
Reimbursement account of publicly owned land	5,601.82
Old Age Tax (meals)	908.85
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise Tax	30,000.00
Licenses	1,500.00
Special Assessments (moth)	846.60
Protection of Persons and Property	50.00
Health and Sanitation	500.00
Charities (other than Federal Grants for dependent children)	1,800.00
Old Age Assistance (other than Federal grants)	19,000.00
Schools	10,000.00
Public Service Enterprises (water)	19,000.00
Cemetery (other trust funds and sale of lots)	900.00
Interest on taxes and assessments	300.00
Over Estimates of Previous Years	
County Tax	1,545.06
Tuberculosis Hospital Assessment	987.80
Amount taken from available funds	20,000.00
Tax Receipts from 1953 assessments	312,042.85
Gross Receipts	$474,407.54

LIVE STOCK ASSESSED

Horses and Ponies	117
Cows (milch)	138
Bulls-Oxen-Heifers	64
Yearlings	76
Sheep	72
Fowl	300

NUMBER OF PERSONS AND CORPORATIONS ASSESSED

Real Estate only	1,011
Personal Estate only	171
Personal and Real Estate	164

LAND AND BUILDINGS ASSESSED

Acres of Land	6,645
Buildings	1,231

We wish to again advise all residents who have reached the age of sixty-five (65) that they may apply for exemption of their poll tax. The necessary form will be furnished upon request.

The Assessors will be glad to meet, by appointment, any taxpayer who may wish to confer with them relative to the assessment on their property.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. CHITTICK
JESSE S. MANN
ELMO O. ADAMS
Board of Assessors.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

To the Citizens of the Town af Hamilton:

The close of 1953 found your School Building Committee essentially ready to wind up its activities, present its application for reimbursement to the State School Building Assistance Commission, turn over a small surplus to the Town Treasury, and ask for a dismissal at the 1954 Town Meeting. There were, however, still some corrections to be made in the work, which were financed out of our budget, and a fairly large list of additional equipment necessary for the schools for which additional funds would be needed. At the suggestion of the Finance Committee, we have requested $4,500.00 for equipment in order that the town may benefit by state reimbursement for a part of the cost.

We wish at this time to express our gratitude to Mrs. Alfred Edmondson, Secretary to the Superintendent of Schools, to the School Committee, to the Superintendent himself, Mr. Douglas Chandler, to Mr. Francis Whipple, Town Clerk and to Mr. Walfred B. Sellman, Town Treasurer, for their invaluable help in preparing the request for reimbursement.

Respectfully submitted,

FINLAY D. MacDONALD, *Chairman*
RUTH DONALDSON, *Secretary*
STANDISH BRADFORD
FORRESTER A. CLARK
G. GORDON LOVE
School Building Committee.

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Board of Selectmen:

I herewith submit my report of the activities of the Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1953.

Total Arrests 40

Male	38	Female	2

CLASSIFICATION OF CRIMES

Assault	1	Abuse of female child	1
Drunkenness	17	Operating without license	2
Larceny by check	1	Operating under influence	4
Lewd and Lascivious	2	Leaving scene of accident	2
Carrying pistol without permit	1	Driving to endanger	4
Vagrancy	1	Operating after suspension	2
Malicious burning	2		

DISPOSITION OF CASES

Fined	16	Probation	5
Sentenced	6	Released (Drunk)	13

ARRESTS BY OFFICERS

Frederick, Chief	34	Sargent	2
Charles	2	Wentworth	2

SUMMONS SERVED

For local department	17	For out of town police	26

AUTOMOBILE REGULATIONS

Licenses revoked by Registrar	18
Registrations revoked by Registrar	4
Automobile transfers	152

MISCELLANEOUS

Ambulance runs to hospitals and physicians	123
Dangerous wires reported	6
Street lights reported out	47
Street obstructions reported	2
Accidents investigated	30
Assistance to out of town police	44

During the year the two-way radio voted for by the annual town meeting for police and civil defense purposes was installed in the cruiser. This radio is tuned in with the frequency of the Beverly Police Department and messages are transmitted through the Beverly system. This means of communication has proved to be very valuable in many instances as it is now possible to contact the police department when the officer is in any part of the town. It is expected that only urgent or emergency calls will be handled through the radio, with those of less importance waiting until the officer can be reached at the office by telephone.

The Cruiser-Ambulance is now on its second year of use, and although in very good condition at the present time, it would seem advisable that it be traded for a new one in 1955. This machine is put to considerable use, available twenty-four hours every day and has travelled many miles.

I express my sincere appreciation to the Beverly Police Department for its cooperation in handling calls for our two-way radio, the local Telephone Operators for their endless cooperation which far exceeds their customary duties, and all townspeople and officials who have assisted the department during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD FREDERICK,
Chief of Police.

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

To the Citizens of Hamilton:

I herewith submit a report of the Tree and Moth Departments for the year 1953.

The customary spraying and the trimming of dead wood as a means of suppressing the various bugs and diseases that attack shade trees was carried on during the year. Test showed that six trees were infected with dutch elm disease, and as required by law, the trees and stumps were removed and burned. Eighty-one other elm trees which showed no signs of dutch elm disease were thoroughly trimmed.

It seems appropriate at this time to mention that the law requires the burning of all elm tree wood that has been trimmed or removed. This applies to trees on private property as well as public property. The leaving of limbs, trees or stumps laying on the ground is in violation of the law.

Undergrowth and brush has been trimmed along the sides of various streets in town. The assistance by the Highway Department in this work has been very helpful and has resulted in a greater number of streets being completed than would have been done without such assistance.

Many of the new streets in town are without shade trees, during the past year twenty small Maple Trees were purchased and set out where needed. With a reasonable appropriation each year it will eventually be possible to cover all the new streets.

I express my appreciation to the Highway Surveyor for the valuable assistance rendered by his department, and to all others who have assisted me during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

RUDOLPH H. HARADEN,
Tree Warden.

FRED BERRY

May 6, 1861 August 16, 1953

FRED BERRY
FOREST WARDEN

Hamilton lost its oldest public official in the death of Fred Berry on August 16, 1953. Born in Dover, New Hampshire, May 6, 1861, Fred, as he was known to all, came to Hamilton in 1885 and continued his residence here until his death.

Prior to the organization of a fire department in town, such duties were conducted by Fire Wards. Mr. Berry was one of seven such Wards for many years until 1908 when the office of Forest Warden was created. At this time he was appointed to this position, and which he held continuously until his death, making a total of 46 years of continuous service in this office.

A charter member of the Essex County Forest Warden's Association, Mr. Berry enjoyed the distinction of being its oldest member, as well as being the oldest, both in age and service, official and citizen of the Town of Hamilton.

In addition to being Forest Warden, Mr. Berry was elected a Field Driver of the town in 1896 and was re-elected each succeeding year, and which position he also held at the time of his death.

Of kindly disposition, friendly to all, conscientious in his official duties, he will long be remembered by his legion of friends.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

To the Citizens of Hamilton:

We submit herewith a report of the Welfare Department for the year ending December 31, 1953.

For the third consecutive year the expenditures for General Relief has showed a marked decrease. Total expenditured for this category of assistance amounted to $1773. less than was expended in 1952, and $7873. less than 1950. Principally this reduction over the three year period has been due to persons being assisted under other categories in which there is federal and state reimbursement of a part of the assistance granted.

Expenditures under the Disability Assistance category were $1,000. less than during 1952 which is attributed to a lesser number of persons receiving this type of assistance during the year because of death. No comparison of previous years can be made in this category due to not going into effect until November 1, 1951.

Aid to Dependent Children expenditures increased over 1952 by $2600., and an increase over 1950 by $3,200. This increase has been due to an increase in the number of persons receiving this type of assistance as well as a considerable increase in the amount that has been expended for their medical care. Because of this it seems necessary to request a larger appropriation for this category for the coming year.

Expenditures under Old Age Assistance showed a decrease of $1600. as compared to 1952, and an increase of $8800 as compared to 1950. The decrease has been due to a lesser number of persons receiving assistance in 1953 than the previous year. We find that the expenditures for medical care under old age assistance accounts for a considerable amount of the total expenditures.

In checking over the expenditures for Aid to Dependent Children and Old Age Assistance it will be found that more money was expended by the town than was appropriated by the town meeting. This is because the reimbursements received from the Federal Government may be expended along with the town appropriation. For an example, the total of $45,802.31 expended by the town for old age assistance during 1953 was made up by $29,814.17 from the town appropriation and $15,888.14 from federal reimbursement.

The following figures show the expenditures for 1953 and the amount of federal and state reimbursement of such expenditures. The amount of reimbursement is not identical with the amount of money actually received during the year due to the overlapping of one year's reimbursements into the following year.

GENERAL RELIEF

Expenditures		*Reimbursements*	
By Town	$2,077.97	State	$157.00
		Net Cost to Town	1,920.97
	$2,077.97		$2,077.97

DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

Expenditures		*Reimbursements*	
By Town	$3,318.91	Federal Government	$1,020.40
		State	1,468.80
		Net Cost to Town	829.71
	$3,318.91		$3,318.91

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Expenditures		*Reimbursements*	
By Town	$4,836.18	Federal Government	$1,648.22
		State	1,612.05
		Net Cost to Town	1,575.91
	$4,836.18		$4,836.18

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Expenditures		*Reimbursements*	
By Town	$45,802.31	Federal Government	$20,797.21
		State	16,786.78
		Town and Cities	1,152.83
			7,065.49
	$45,802.31		$45,802.31

We express our appreciation to all who have assisted us in any manner during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

LAWRENCE R. STONE
ARTHUR M. KNIGHT
EVERETT F. HALEY
Board of Public Welfare.

WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

ESSEX, ss. *To the Constable of the Town of Hamilton:*

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hamilton, qualified to vote in election and Town affairs, to meet in the HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM in said Town on Monday, the first day of March, nineteen hundred and fifty-four (March 1, 1954), at seven-thirty o'clock in the evening (7:30 P.M.) then and there to act on the following articles, viz.

Article 1. To bring your ballots for:

Moderator for one year.
Town Clerk for one year.
Three Selectmen for one year.
Treasurer for one year.
Tax Collector for one year.
One Assessor for three years.
One Tree Warden for one year.
One Highway Surveyor for one year.
One member of the School Committee for three years.
One Library Trustee for three years.
One Water Commissioner for three years.
One Cemetery Commissioner for three years.
One Park Commissioner for three years.
One member of the Planning Board for five years.

The above named officers and question to be voted for on one ballot on Tuesday, the ninth day of March, 1954 (March 9, 1954) in the HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM. The polls will be opened at 8:00 o'clock A.M. and will close at 8:00 o'clock P.M.

Article 2. To choose and appoint all other Town Officers in such manner as the Town may determine.

Article 3. To hear the reports of the Town Officers and of the Finance and Advisory Committee and all other committees and take any action thereon or relative thereto.

Article 4. To raise and appropriate money for Schools, Highways, and all other Town Expenses and determine the manner of expending the same.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance, or take any action thereon or relative thereto.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Construction on Essex Street, or take any action thereon or relative thereto.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Chapter 90 Construction on Chebacco Road, or take any action thereon or relative thereto.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of $500.00 from the Cemetery Sale of Lots Fund to the Cemetery Account for the purpose of making improvements to the Town Cemetery, or take any action thereon or relative thereto.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to purchase a truck with snow-plowing equipment for the use of the Highway Department and raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor, or take any action thereon or relative thereto.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $4,500. for the purchase, for the Addition to the High School and for the new Elementary School, of additional lights and audio-amplification system for the auditorium in the High School, cycloramic curtains for the stages in both schools, stage curtains for the Elementary school, screens, shades and floor surfacing material, and other fixtures and equipment, such sum to be expended under the supervision of the School Building Committee, or take any other action thereon or relative thereto.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to erect a building on Patton Memorial Park for the purpose of providing toilet facilities at the park and raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor, the work to be done under the direction and supervision of the Board of Park Commissioners, or take any action thereon or relative thereto.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize and approve the Board of Assessors to use available funds or "free cash" in an amount not to exceed the sum of $20,000.00 in determining the tax rate for the year 1954, or take any action thereon or relative thereto.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the formation of a committee of eight of which four shall be members of the School Committee and Superintendent of schools and of which four shall be appointed by the Moderator (and of which committee the chairman of the School Committee shall be designated Chairman pro tem for organization) for the purpose of studying the immediate needs for public school requirements and facilities in the town and making a report of their activities and recommendations on or before the next annual town meeting, and that the sum of $1,000.00 be raised and appropriated for this purpose, or take any action thereon or relative thereto.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Moderator to appoint a committee of five for the purpose of studying the advisability of the adoption by the Town of a building and electrical code, such committee to make its report with recommendations at or before the next annual town meeting, and to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the expenses of the committee, or take any action thereon or relative thereto.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Moderator to appoint a committee of five for the purpose of studying the advisability of the formation of a department in the nature of a public works department in the town, such committee to make its report with recommendations at the next annual town meeting, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the expenses of the committee, or take any action thereon or relative thereto.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to accept a layout of the relocation of a portion of School Street by the Selectmen as shown on a plan on file with the town clerk, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the relocation and rebuilding of said street in accordance with such plan, or take any action thereon or relative thereto.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public town way, Ortins Road, so-called, as laid out by the Selectmen and approved by the Planning Board and shown on a plan entitled "Layout and Acceptance Plan of Ortins Road in the Town of Hamilton, Mass., January 1954", now on file with the town clerk, or take any action thereon or relative thereto.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public town way, Porter Lane, so-called, as laid out by the Selectmen and approved by the Planning Board and shown on a plan entitled "Plan of Bruce Acres, Hamilton, Mass., November 6, 1952", now on file with the town clerk, or take any action thereon or relative thereto.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public town way, Cunningham Drive, so-called, as laid out by the Selectmen and approved by the Planning Board and shown on a plan entitled "Plan of Bruce Acres, Hamilton, Mass., November 6, 1952", now on file with the town clerk, or take any action thereon or relative thereto.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way that part of Lake Drive, so-called, as laid out by the Selectmen and approved by the Planning Board and shown on a plan on file with the town clerk, and to raise and appropriate the sum of $300.00 to be expended under the supervision of the Surveyor of Highways together with such further sum, not less than $300.00 as shall be contributed by the Abutters of said way, for improvements to said way necessary to make said way conform to the requirements of Chapter VIII of the By-laws, or take any action thereon or relative thereto.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to change the term of office of the Selectmen from one to three years, to become effective commencing with the election of town officers in 1955, such change to be effected by the election in 1955 of one Selectman for a term of three years, one Selectman for the term of two years, and one Selectman for the term of one year, and by the election each year thereafter of one Selectman for a term of three years, or take any action thereon or relative thereto.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote on the joint recommendation of the School Committee and the School Building Committee, to name the new Elementary School the "Manasseh Cutler School" or take any other action thereon or relative thereto.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to adopt a protective By-law in the form of the By-law which is enclosed in the 1953 Annual Town Report and which together with the final report of the Planning Board are on file with the Town Clerk, or take any action thereon or relative thereto.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town By-laws by inserting after Section 6 of Chapter X the following new Section:

Section 7. In the interest of public health and welfare, before construction is commenced upon any structure within the Town to be used as a dwelling, place of business, or for livestock, notice thereof shall be given to the Selectmen of the proposed location for registration by the Town Clerk, upon payment of a 50-cent fee therefor.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time, in anticipation of revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1955, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a shorter period than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws and Amendments thereto.

Article 26. To see if the Town will authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting taxes which a Town Treasurer, when appointed Collector, may use agreeable to Chapter 41, Section 37, General Laws and Amendments thereto.

Article 27. To act on any other matter that may legally come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Town Hall, and one at each of the three Post Offices in said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this eighteenth day of January, A.D. 1954.

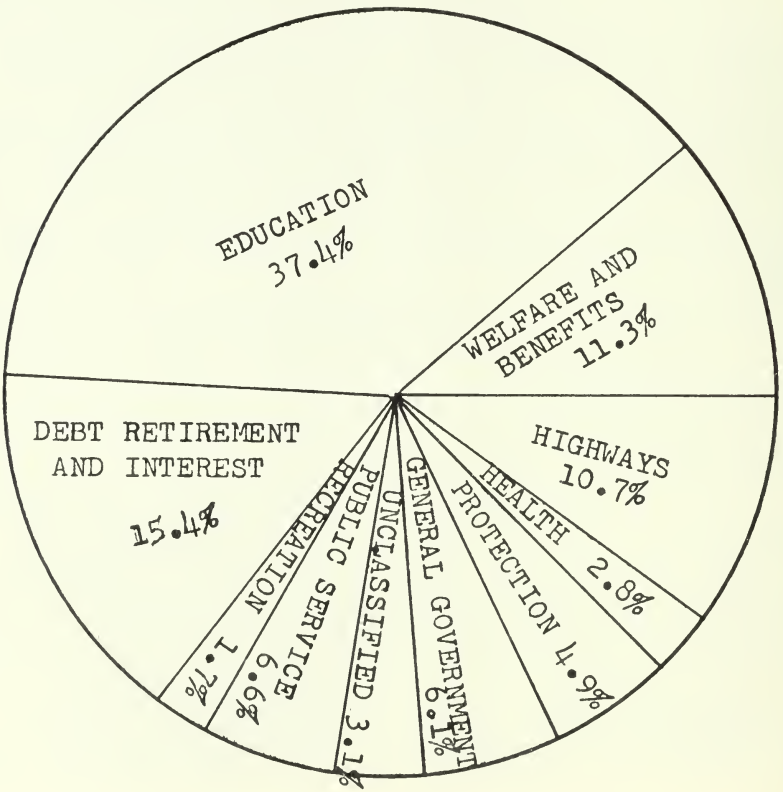
EVERETT F. HALEY
LAWRENCE R. STONE
ARTHUR M. KNIGHT
Selectmen of Hamilton

A true copy, Attest:
FRANCIS H. WHIPPLE,
Town Clerk.

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Town has continued the accelerated rate of growth and accordingly there has been a substantial increase in total valuation during the past year which may result in no appreciable change in the tax rate despite higher operating costs in several directions, particularly in the educational budget. The departments have conscientiously applied economy measures wherever possible without adversely affecting essential and adequate services rendered to the Town. The Finance Committee in turn has given careful consideration to the appropriations under review with the intent of providing the most efficient operation of our Town affairs in all fairness to the taxpayers as well as to those performing the work requirements.

It seems obvious further increases in population and total valuation will continue, and while such factors as the proposed zoning regulations, if accepted by the Town, and the revenue arising from newly recorded assessments will have a beneficial effect, an ever-vigilant control over expenditures is necessary to maintain the tax rate at a reasonable level, particularly in view of the fact that another school building is becoming rapidly imperative, the construction of which will surely cause some rise in the tax rate.



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DIVISION OF PROPOSED REGULAR BUDGET

Education	$175,703.24
Debt Retirement and Interest	72,100.00
Welfare & Benefits	52,645.00
Highways	45,023.00
Public Service	31,250.00
General Government	30,015.75
Protection	23,140.00
Health	13,095.00
Recreation	7,875.00
Unclassified	14,750.00
Total Budget	*$465,596.99*

ACTION ON SPECIAL ARTICLES

ARTICLE 6: *Chapter 90 Highway Contruction on Essex Street. Recommended Cost to the Town, $875.00.*

ARTICLE 7: *Chapter 90 Highway Construction on Chebacco Road. Not Recommended.*

The Finance Committee do not consider Chebacco Road to be necessary, particularly with the completion of Route 128, even though the town pays but twenty-five percent of the construction under Chapter 90. The Final cost to the town for the renovation of Chebacco Road will ultimately total about $12,000.00 Inasmuch as there are no citizens of the town living on Chebacco Road, and inasmuch as there are three other good roads to Manchester, the Finance Committee recommends that this Article be not approved.

ARTICLE 9: *Purchase of a Truck with Snowplowing Equipment. Recommended.*

Additional snowplowing equipment has become necessary in the town because of the present difficulty of getting people with private trucks to plow on contract. This truck is also necessary to supplement the present highway fleet.

ARTICLE 10: *Purchase of Additional Equipment for the Schools, $4,500.00 Recommended.*

The sum of $4,500.00 will allow the purchase of equipment that should have been installed in the new Elementary School and the addition to the High School at the time of the construction, but they were omitted because the existing funds had been used up. The Finance Committee consider it desirable that this equipment be installed, particularly as the State Department of Education has indicated that the town will receive approximately 22% of State aid on the money spent for this equipment.

ARTICLE 11: *Erection of a Building on Patton Park for the Purpose of Providing Toilet Facilities, $5,000.00. Recommended.*

The toilet facilities on Patton Park become more desirable each year with the increased use of the Park. At present the closest toilet facilities are in the Community House which is situated across Asbury Street from the Park. There is a constant element of danger when children run across Asbury Street.

ARTICLE 12: *Use of Free Cash in Determining Tax Rate. Recommended.*

This Article permits the Assessors to draw on the Excess & Deficiency Fund, $20,000.00 for money to pay expenses of the 1954 budget in determining the tax rate.

ARTICLE 13: *Appointment of Building Needs Committee, $1000.00 for Expenses. Recommended.*

The Town has continued to grow at a greater rate than anticipated with the result that the School Building program completed in 1952 will be inadequate in September of 1954. This committee will attempt to determine what school construction or renovation should be done by the town to accomodate children expected to be living in the town in the next several years.

ARTICLE 14: *Appointment of a Committee to Study the Advisability of a Building Code. Recommended.*

It is not in the interest of the Town and individual citizens to have faultily constructed houses. This committee will decide whether or not the Town of Hamilton needs a Building Code to protect the citizens of the Town.

ARTICLE 15: *Appointment of a Committee to Study the Advisability of the Formation of a Public Works Department. Recommended.*

As the Town grows in numbers, and as the facilities provided by the Town increase both in scope and nature, the question arises of whether or not the citizens of the Town will be better served by a Department of Public Works than by the present system under which each department is largely autonomous.

ARTICLE 16: *Relocation of a Portion of School Street, Cost $2,500.00. Recommended.*

This relocation will take place at the blind corner at the corner of Bridge and School Streets. If the Town votes to relocate School Street in accordance with the plan now filed with the Town Clerk, Senator Graham will give the land necessary for this relocation and will demolish the barn on the corner, provided that the land presently occupied by that portion of Bridge Street be deeded to him.

ARTICLES 17, 18 and 19: *Acceptance of Streets. Recommended.*

The Finance Committee recommend the acceptance of all these streets, as they understand that these streets have met the requirements of the by-laws and are acceptable as well to the Selectmen, to the Planning Board, to the Water Department and to the Highway Department.

ARTICLE 20: *Acceptance of Part of Lake Drive. Not Recommended.*

This portion of Lake Drive does not meet the provisions of the by-laws in regard to acceptance of streets. Therefore, it should not be accepted. This Article requires that the Town spend $300 to help put this part of Lake Drive into a condition which will make it conform to the requirements of the by-laws. The Finance Committee are strongly against the expenditure of the Town funds on private property, feeling that even if such a procedure is legal, it can establish a precedent which might lead to grave abuses.

ARTICLE 21: *Three-Year Term of Office for Selectmen. Recommended.*

The Finance Committee believe this is a very sound step. It relieves all but one of the Selectmen of the concern about the coming election. It also makes unlikely a complete change of the personnel of the Board of Selectmen in one year.

ARTICLE 23: *Adoption of a Zoning Law. Recommended.*

The Finance Committee believe that if this Town is to maintain its present attractive character a zoning law will some day have to be adopted. They feel that a zoning law will give protection to the great majority of citizens who live in the Town and that very little, if any, loss will be caused thereby to those who own property and business in the Town.

ARTICLE 24: *Adoption of By-Laws Requiring Building Permits. Recommended.*

This Article will in no way hinder anyone from building any kind of structure. The securing of a building permit will, however, enable the Town Clerk and the Assessors to keep an accurate record of all building in the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERIC WINTHROP, *Chairman*
LAWRENCE LAMSON
JOHN C. GARLAND
WILLIAM M. FOLEY
LAWRENCE E. PELKEY

Item		*Appropriation 1951*	*Expended 1952*	*Expended 1953*	*Recommended 1954*
	GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
1	MODERATOR				
2	FINANCE COMMITTEE	$15.00	$15.00	$15.00	$15.00
3	SELECTMEN:				
	Salaries	1,150.00	1,150.00	1,150.00	1,150.00
4	Clerical		999.70	1,100.00	2,080.00
5	Expenses	1,500.00	1,963.80	2,265.37	2,300.00
6	Equipment			287.43	
7	ACCOUNTANTS:				
	Salary	2,530.00	2,530.00	2,800.00	3,050.00
8	Expenses	200.00	249.16	247.38	300.00
9	TREASURER:				
	Salary	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,400.00	1,500.00
10	Expenses	575.00	460.85	495.56	575.00
11	TAX COLLECTOR:				
	Salary	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,600.00	1,700.00
12	Expenses	500.00	625.54	590.01	550.00
13	ASSESSORS:				
	Salaries & Wages	*2,115.00	2,129.38	2,205.63	2,600.00
14	Expenses	350.00	382.92	466.68	545.00
		* Assessors get $10 per day while working			
15	LAW:				
	Salary	700.00	400.00	800.00	800.00
16	Expenses				200.00
17	TOWN CLERK:				
	Salary	990.00	1,237.83	1,000.00	1,000.00
18	Expenses	250.00		239.90	300.00

Item		*Appropriation 1951*	*Expended 1952*	*Expended 1953*	*Recommended 1954*
19	ELECTION & REGISTRATION:				
	Expenses	1,800.00	2,278.42	1,853.14	2,000.00
20	TOWN HALL:				
	Salary	2,516.80	2,517.00	2,750.00	2,750.00
21	Expenses	1,600.00	2,023.52	1,996.18	2,150.00
22	Painting Town Hall		2,518.10		
23	Office Equipment			797.81	500.00
24	Repairs			500.00	
25	ESSEX COUNTY PENSION FUND:				
26	Contributions	2,180.64	2,424.59	3,736.49	3,950.75
27	*TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT*	21,805.60	26,705.81	28,296.61	30,015.75
28	*PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY*				
29	POLICE:				
	Salary & Wages of Chief & Special Officers	8,146.00	8,090.35	8,158.10	8,400.00
30	Expenses	935.00	898.07	1,689.39	2,000.00
31	Cruiser Maintenance	750.00	680.84		
32	Cruiser Radio Purchase			499.89	
33	Cruiser Purchase		1,656.40		
34	New Uniforms				300.00
35	*TOTAL POLICE*	9,831.00	11,325.66	10,347.38	10,700.00
36	FIRE:				
	Wages	1,810.00	2,231.25	2,270.75	2,310.00
37	Expenses	2,040.00	2,328.90	2,719.08	2,210.00
38	*TOTAL FIRE*	3,850.00	4,560.00	4,989.83	4,520.00
39	OFFICE OF CIVILIAN DEFENSE:	1,000.00	793.40	513.15	
40	SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES:				
	Salary	230.00	230.00	230.00	230.00
41	Expenses	100.00	98.67	98.30	100.00
42	*TOTAL SEALER*	330.00	328.67	328.30	330.00

Item		Appropriation 1951	Expended 1952	Expended 1953	Recommended 1954
43	MOTH — TOWN:				
	Salary of Supt.	1,471.00	1,472.00	1,670.00	1,670.00
44	Wages	900.00	885.00	944.32	990.00
45	Expenses	372.00	371.45	447.83	500.00
46	*TOTAL MOTH — TOWN*	2,743.00	2,728.45	3,062.15	3,160.00
47	MOTH — PRIVATE:				
	Salary — Supt.	522.50	522.00	360.00	360.00
48	Wages	378.00	328.11	199.20	378.00
49	Expenses	390.00	341.95	299.36	300.00
50	*TOTAL MOTH — PRIVATE*	1,290.50	1,192.06	858.56	1,038.00
51	TREE WARDEN:				
	Salary	929.50	930.00	1,170.00	1,170.00
52	Wages	1,322.00	1,303.50	1,262.56	1,322.00
53	Expenses	140.00	494.96	150.09	160.00
54	Special — Planting Trees	200.00	90.00	170.80	200.00
55	Special — Storm Damage		695.00		
56	Special — Pruning Elms			500.00	500.00
57	*TOTAL TREE WARDEN*	2,591.50	3,513.46	3,253.45	3,352.00
58	FOREST FIRE WARDEN:				
	Salary	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
59	Expenses	60.00	63.03	48.65	
60	*TOTAL FOREST FIRE WARDEN*	100.00	103.03	88.65	40.00
61	*TOTAL PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY*	21,736.80	24,544.88	23,941.36	23,140.00
62	*HEALTH & SANITATION*				
63	BOARD OF HEALTH:				
	Salaries	120.00	120.00	120.00	120.00
64	Clerk	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00
65	Milk Inspector	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00

Item		*Appropriation 1951*	*Expended 1952*	*Expended 1953*	*Recommended 1954*
66	Expenses	281.00	481.86	1,248.42	1,500.00
67	Rubbish Collection	2,500.00	3,217.17	3,695.33	4,500.00
68	Garbage Collection	2,400.00	2,600.00	3,100.00	3,200.00
69	*TOTAL BOARD OF HEALTH*	5,436.00	6,554.03	8,298.75	9,455.00
70	DENTAL CLINIC:				
	Salary of Nurse	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
71	Expenses	2,600.00	2,351.00	2,599.60	3,300.00
72	*TOTAL DENTAL CLINIC*	2,800.00	2,551.00	2,799.60	3,500.00
73	INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS:				
	Salary	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00
74	Expenses	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
75	*TOTAL INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS*	140.00	140.00	140.00	140.00
76	*TOTAL HEALTH & SANITATION*	9,436.00	9,245.03	11,238.35	13,095.00
77	HIGHWAYS:				
78	Salary of Supt. & Surveyor	3,432.00	3,120.00	3,200.00	3,200.00
79	Wages of Drivers & Helpers	10,272.00	9,518.65	11,149.32	12,880.00
80	Labor & Expenses	6,296.00	3,828.57	5,184.19	5,143.00
81	Sidewalks		1,261.02	2,540.00	2,000.00
82	Gravel Roads	(4,500.00)	4,092.71	4,994.16	7,000.00
83	Chapt. 90 — Maintenance	(1,000.00)	662.00	999.30)	(1,000.00)
84	Chapt. 90 — Construction	(2,000.00)	2,463.00	4,985.35)	(875.00)
85	Snow Removal & Sanding	5,000.00	4,604.78	4,520.00	5,000.00
86	Street Lighting	8,250.00	8,357.42	8,818.90	9,800.00
87	Forest Street			587.20	
88	Tractor Purchase			4,253.50	
89	New Chevrolet Half-Ton Pick-Up Truck	1,346.00			
90	*TOTAL HIGHWAYS*	42,096.00	37,908.15	51,231.92	46,898.00
91	WELFARE:				

Item		Appropriation 1951	Expended 1952	Expended 1953	Recommended 1954
92	PUBLIC WELFARE:				
	Salaries	120.00	120.00	120.00	120.00
93	Expenses	10,000.00	3,726.42	2,077.87	4,000.00
94	*TOTAL PUBLIC WELFARE*	10,120.00	3,846.42	2,197.87	4,120.00
95	*DISABILITY ASSISTANCE*		4,382.00	3,255.07	6,000.00
96	OLD AGE ASSISTANCE:				
	Assistance	26,000.00	30,035.69	29,760.07	30,000.00
97	Administration	2,500.00	1,971.77	871.98	2,000.00
98	*TOTAL OLD AGE ASSISTANCE*	28,500.00	32,007.46	30,686.15	32,000.00
99	AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN:				
	Aid	3,500.00	2,194.40	2,324.16	4,500.00
100	Administration	25.00	.....	.....	25.00
101	*TOTAL AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN*	3,525.00	2,194.40	2,324.16	4,525.00
102	*TOTAL WELFARE*	42,145.00	42,430.28	38,527.09	46,645.00
103	VETERANS' BENEFITS:				
	Benefits	6,000.00	2,615.52	3,069.90	6,000.00
104	EDUCATION:				
105	General Expense	8,475.00	9,386.03	10,394.04	11,475.00
106	Teachers—Salaries	67,824.65	80,741.44	96,022.90	111,562.99
107	EXPENSES:				
	Text Books & Supplies	5,594.75	5,936.86	6,788.93	8,125.00
108	Operation of Plant	11,200.00	11,409.33	17,715.91	20,575.00
109	Extra Janitor Service				500.00
110	Repairs & Upkeep (Normal)	1,337.00	501.26	990.33	1,500.00
111	" " " (Extra)				1,500.00
112	Transportation	9,435.00	9,447.00	9,169.25	9,758.75
113	Auxiliary Agencies	2,776.00	3,454.93	3,479.97	4,150.00
114	New Equipment — High	2,425.00	704.00	788.08	262.00
115	Athletics		750.00	1,185.15	1,190.00

Item		*Appropriation 1951*	*Expended 1952*	*Expended 1953*	*Recommended 1954*
116	*TOTAL EXPENSES*	32,768.80	32,204.27	40,117.62	47,560.75
117	*TOTAL SALARIES & EXPENSES*	109,068.45	122,331.74	146,533.56	170,598.74
118	SPECIAL FOR HIGH SCHOOL:				
119	Vocational	1,000.00	1,171.80	1,098.40	1,250.00
120	Driver Training				200.00
121	Closing Lamson School			151.10	.....
122	Transfer — Furniture			877.03	
123	*TOTAL SCHOOLS*	110,068.45	123,503.54	148,660.09	172,048.74
124	LIBRARIES:				
	Salary — Main Library	600.00			
	Branch	400.00	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,250.00
	Janitor	40.00			
125	Expenses	2,146.25	2,190.26	2,557.91	2,404.50
126	*TOTAL LIBRARIES*	3,186.25	3,440.26	3,807.91	3,654.50
127	*TOTAL EDUCATION*	113,254.70	126,995.80	152,468.00	175,703.24
128	RECREATION:				
129	PARK DEPARTMENT:				
130	Salary of Supt.	2,745.60	2,746.00	2,750.00	2,750.00
131	Salary of Instructors	648.00	648.00	850.00	918.00
132	Labor	600.00	899.74	899.69	1,400.00
133	Expense	1,248.00	1,209.87	1,248.07	1,607.00
134	Resurfacing Tennis Court				1,200.00
135	*TOTAL RECREATION*	5,241.60	5,503.61	5,747.76	7,875.00
136	PUBLIC SERVICE:				
137	WATER DEPARTMENT:				
	Salary of Supt.	2,860.00	3,120.00	3,200.00	3,200.00
138	Salary of Asst. Supt.		2,050.00	2,700.00	2,750.00
139	Salary of Clerk	700.00	700.00	800.00	800.00
140	Extra Labor	2,300.00	1,466.76	1,527.25	1,325.00

Item		*Appropriation 1951*	*Expended 1952*	*Expended 1953*	*Recommended 1954*
141	Expenses	8,500.00 (Essex Water)	8,503.63	10,492.94 (Pump)	12,750.00 (Compressor)
142	Special	1,500.00		435.00	1,500.00
143	Extension of Mains	5,000.00	5,156.43	5,028.88	5,000.00
144	TOTAL WATER DEPARTMENT	20,860.00	20,996.82	23,749.07	27,325.00
145	CEMETERY:				
	Salaries of Commrs.	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00
146	Salary of Supt.	2,516.80	2,746.00	2,750.00	2,750.00
147	Salary of Clerk	100.00	100.00	200.00	200.00
148	Wages & Expenses	1,005.00	1,038.83	897.55	900.00
149	*TOTAL CEMETERY*	3,696.80	3,959.83	3,922.55	3,925.00
150	*TOTAL PUBLIC SERVICE*	24,556.80	24,956.65	27,671.62	31,250.00
151	MATURING DEBT:				
152	Maturing Debt	20,000.00	18,000.00	59,000.00	59,000.00
153	Interest	2,500.00	8,307.08	13,857.42	13,100.00
154	*TOTAL MATURING DEBT*	22,500.00	26,307.08	72,857.42	72,100.00
155	*UNCLASSIFIED*				
156	Town Report	1,100.00	1,310.26	1,478.89	1,600.00
157	Town Clock	500.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
158	Memorial Day	650.00	622.87	648.76	650.00
159	American Legion	1,000.00	1,000.00	990.50	1,000.00
160	Insurance	2,700.00	2,938.47	8,767.48	5,900.00
161	Planning Board	500.00	12.00	278.88	500.00
161	Finance Committee — Reserve Fund	6,000.00	2,930.80	4,764.76	5,000.00
163	*TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED*	12,450.00	8,914.40	17,029.27	14,750.00
164	*TOTAL OF ABOVE ITEMS*	321,221.74	336,127.21	432,079.30	467,471.99
165	*OTHER ARTICLES IN WARRANT*	3,150.00	10,600.00	8,135.00	16,800.00
166	*GRAND TOTAL*	324,371.74	346,727.21	440,215.30	484,271.00
( ) = Special Articles included in line 164 above		(18,500.00) .	(8,000.00)	(3,500.00)	(1,875.00)

REPORT

of the

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

1953

REPORT OF TOWN ACCOUNTANT

To the Citizens of Hamilton:

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 41, of the General Laws, I submit herewith my report for the year ending December 31, 1953, showing the amount and source of all receipts, the amount of appropriations and expenditures therefrom, purposes of expenditures, town indebtedness, condition of trust funds and a balance sheet.

Although the law provides that such statement shall be in accordance with classification prescribed by the director of accounts, I have further extended the classification of expenditures to make such information readily available to those who desire it. Any additional information will be gladly given to all residents of the town by calling at the office.

I extend my sincere appreciation to all for any assistance rendered me during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS H. WHIPPLE,
Town Accountant.

RECEIPTS

Taxes

Previous Years:			
1952 Personal Property	$767 07		
1952 Real Estate	9,506 19		
		10,273 26	
Current Year:			
Poll Tax	1,812 00		
Personal Property	24,658 57		
Real Estate	267,579 88		
		294,050 45	
			304,323 71

Licenses and Permits

Alcoholic Beverages:			
Package Store—All Alcoholic (3)	450 00		
Package Store—Wine & Beer (1)	75 00		
Restaurant—All Alcoholic (2)	700 00		
Club—All Alcoholic (2)	300 00		
One Day Beer & Ale	2 00		
Common Victulars	6 00		
Lord's Day	16 00		
Motor Vehicle Dealer	12 00		
Ice Cream Mfg.	5 00		
Junk Collector	40 00		
Second Hand Articles	6 00		
Pistol Permits	23 50		
Milk	13 50		
Pasteurization	10 00		
Oleomargarine	1 00		
Amusement Devices	39 99		
Sewage Disposal	460 00		
		2,159 99	
			2,159 99
			$306,483 70

Brought forward			$306,483 70
Grants and Gifts			
From State:			
Income Tax	6,152 31		
Corporation Tax	21,144 34		
Old Age Meals Tax	1,040 05		
State Pedlars License	16 00		
Cooperative Snow Plowing	95 50		
School Aid, Chap. 70	25,030 22		
Tuition and Transportation	6,942 00		
Loss of Taxes on—			
State Owned Land	5,853 76		
School Aid	8,235 19		
Vocational Education	508 70		
English Speaking Classes	7 50		
Highway Construction, Chap. 90	8,296 76		
Highway Maintenance, Chap. 90	499 77		
		83,822 10	
			83,822 10
From County:			
Dog Tax Refund	759 14		
Confining Dogs	110 50		
Highway Construction, Chap. 90	3,982 35		
		4,851 99	
			4,851 99
Special Assessments			
1952 Moth	7 90		
1953 Moth	801 30		
		809 20	
			809 20
Privileges			
1952 Motor Vehicle Excise	2,947 71		
1953 Motor Vehicle Excise	27,256 43		
		30,204 14	
			30,204 14
Protection of Persons and Property			
Sealers Fees	71 60		
Court Fines	20 00		
		91 60	
			91 60
Carried forward			$426,262 73

Brought forward			$426,262 73
Health			
Dental Clinic Fees	476 80		
Expenses at Essex Sanatorium	73 50		
		550 30	
			550 30
Public Welfare			
General Relief:			
From State	157 00		
		157 00	
Disability Assistance:			
From State—Assistance	2,043 71		
From State—Administration	29 78		
		2,073 49	
Aid to Dependent Children:			
From State—Assistance	1,271 13		
		1,271 13	
Old Age Assistance:			
From State—Assistance	17,207 84		
Towns and Cities	1,152 83		
		18,360 67	
Federal Grants:			
Disability Assistance—Assist.	1,347 65		
Disability Assistance—Adm.	49 28		
Aid to Dep. Children—Assist.	1,624 90		
Aid to Dep. Children—Adm.	84 14		
Old Age Assistance—Assist.	20,048 27		
Old Age Assistance—Adm.	747 70		
		23,901 94	
			45,764 23
Veterans' Benefits			
From State	1,031 66		
		1,031 66	
			1,031 66
Schools			
Tuition—Towns & Individuals	1,690 00		
Cafeteria—Sale of Lunches	12,601 47		
Cafeteria—Federal Grant	4,189 03		
Sale of Supplies	63 00		
Athletic Receipts	218 30		
		18,761 80	
			18,761 80
Carried forward			$492,370 72

Brought forward			$492,370 72
Public Library			
Fines—Main Library	4 80		
Fines—Branch Library	7 72		
Sale of Books	4 46		
		16 98	
			16 98
Parks and Playgrounds			
Tennis Court Fees	15 00		
		15 00	
			15 00
Water Department			
Meter Rates	23,248 56		
Services	2,413 85		
		25,662 41	
			25,662 41
Cemetery			
Care of Lots and Graves	480 00		
Care of Endowed Lots	475 00		
Interments	406 00		
Sale of Lots and Graves	200 00		
		1,561 00	
			1,561 00
Interest			
On Taxes	296 20		
On Motor Excise	17 77		
On Checking Acct. (Day Trust Co.)	72 47		
		386 44	
			386 44
Refunds			
Departmental Overpayments	218 41		
		218 41	
			218 41
Carried forward			$520,230 96

Brought forward			$520,230 96
	AGENCY AND TRUSTS		
Withholding Tax	22,517 89		
Retirement Deductions	3,180 72		
Dog Licenses for County	891 40		
Cemetery Perpetual Care	250 00		
		26,840 01	
			26,840 01
	MISCELLANEOUS		
Temporary Loan, Ant. Revenue	50,000 00		
Old Age Assist. Recoveries	3,212 68		
Sale of Land	400 00		
Highway Damage	22 86		
Town of Manchester, Water Dept.			
1952 Assessment	228 00		
1953 Assessment	252 00		
Tax Title Redemptions	319 23		
Tax Title Interest & Costs	15 62		
Cemetery Sale of Lots Fund	500 00		
		54,950 39	
			54,950 39
Total Receipts 1953			$602,021 36

EXPENDITURES

Selectmen

Salaries and Wages:			
Everett F. Haley	436 04		
Lawrence R. Stone	368 96		
Arthur M. Knight	278 22		
Edward A. DeWitt	66 78		
Elizabeth Walke, Clerical	1,000 00		
Hugh E. MacDonald, Dog Officer	150 00		
		2,300 00	
Expenses:			
Printing, Postage, Supplies	219 37		
Association Dues, Expenses	67 25		
Law Books	30 00		
Traffic Signs	178 87		
Street Signs	123 50		
Street Numbering	37 00		
Surveying, Engineering	283 00		
Petition Costs, Chap. 90	49 00		
Advertising, Publishing	75 16		
Decorating, Founder's Day	45 00		
Confining Dogs	110 50		
Recordings	8 00		
Painting Traffic Lines	80 60		
Office Equipment	570 05		
Linoleum	237 50		
Vault Shelving	105 50		
Repairing Town Clock	7 50		
Bulletin Board	175 00		
		2,402 80	
			4,702 80

Accounting

Salary:			
Francis H. Whipple, Acct.	2,800 00		
		2,800 00	
Expenses:			
Supplies, Forms, Postage	206 18		
Association Dues, Expenses	26 70		
Adding Machine Service	14 50		
		247 38	
			3,047 38
Carried forward			$7,750 18

Brought forward			$7,750 18
TREASURY			
Salary:			
Walfred B. Sellman, Treas.	1,400 00		
		1,400 00	
Expenses:			
Surety Bond	148 00		
Burglary Insurance	35 00		
Supplies, Forms, Postage	271 31		
Association Dues	2 00		
Typing	28 75		
Typewriter Service	8 50		
Certification of Notes	2 00		
		495 56	
			1,895 56
COLLECTOR			
Salary:			
Bertha L. Crowell, Collector	1,600 00		
		1,600 00	
Expenses:			
Printing, Postage, Supplies	371 69		
Surety Bond	159 60		
Burglary Insurance	35 00		
Advertising Tax Titles	12 00		
Deputy Collector's Bond	5 00		
Deputy Collector's Services	4 75		
Association Dues	2 00		
		590 04	
			2,190 04
ASSESSORS			
Wages:			
Jesse S. Mann	590 00		
Robert H. Chittick	620 00		
Elmo O. Adams	740 00		
Bertha L. Crowell, Clerical	255 63		
		2,205 63	
Expenses:			
Postage, Forms, Supplies	86 85		
Abstracts	200 03		
Transportation	130 00		
Association Dues, Expenses	39 00		
Typewriter Service	11 00		
		466 88	
			2,672 51
Carried forward			$14,508 29

Brought forward			$14,508 29
Finance Committee			
Expenses:			
Association Dues	10 00		
		10 00	
			10 00
Law			
Salary:			
Standish Bradford, Bal. 1952	400 00		
Standish Bradford, 1953 Sal.	800 00		
		1,200 00	
			1,200 00
Town Clerk			
Salary:			
Francis H. Whipple	1,000 00		
		1,000 00	
Expenses:			
Postage, Supplies, Tel.	130 45		
Association Dues, Expenses	22 35		
Abstracts and Recordings	70 00		
Surety Bond	5 00		
Typewriter Service	12 10		
		239 90	
			1,239 90
Election and Registration			
Salaries — Registrars of Voters:			
Frank W. Buzzell	60 00		
Jessie W. B. Cunningham	60 00		
Lawrence Lamson	60 00		
Francis H. Whipple	60 00		
		240 00	
Expenses:			
Annual Listing	187 00		
Election Officers	336 00		
Printing and Supplies	385 82		
Clerical Work	232 60		
Food	114 96		
Stenographic Services	50 00		
Janitor Services	58 50		
Polling Place Equipment	206 89		
Material for Voting Booths	41 37		
		1,613 14	
			1,853 14
Carried forward			$18,811 33

Brought forward			$18,811 33

Planning Board

Expenses:			
Printing	173 38		
Publishing	93 00		
Association Dues	12 50		
		278 88	
			278 88

Town Hall

Salary:			
Lester F. Stanley, Janitor	2,750 00		
		2,750 00	
Expenses:			
Fuel	654 70		
Gas, Emergency lights	7 00		
Electric Current	297 36		
Telephone	253 50		
Maintenance of Grounds	65 50		
Water Rates	23 60		
Roof Repairs	278 78		
Maintenance of Building	191 18		
Linoleum	155 00		
Janitor's Supplies	69 56		
		1,996 18	
Special Alterations:			
Ray Thibedeau, Architect	847 20		
Est. Donald G. Trussell, Contract	6,952 80		
		7,800 00	
Special Painting:			
Est. Donald G. Trussell, Contract	113 24		
		113 24	
Special Repairs:			
Est. Donald G. Trussell, Contract,	500 00		
		500 00	
Special Office Equipment:			
H. B. McArdle, Equipment	797 81		
		797 81	
			13,957 23
Carried forward			$33,047 44

Brought forward			$33,047 44

Police

Salary:			
Edward Frederick, Chief	3,332 10		
Wages:			
Edward Frederick Extra Work Jan.—March	200 00		
Hugh C. Wentworth	1,190 00		
John S. Sargent	965 00		
Lester D. Charles	914 00		
Michael Holleran	254 00		
Stanley E. Allen, Jr.	412 00		
Edward L. Wheatly, Jr.	524 00		
Ray M. Sanford, Jr.	244 00		
Other Officers	123 00		
		8,158 10	
Expenses:			
Rent	360 00		
Telephone	251 91		
Heating Oil	73 65		
Electric Current	15 91		
Equipment and Supplies	71 50		
Maintenance of Cruiser	801 02		
Uniforms	100 00		
Matron Services	15 40		
		1,689 39	
Special Cruiser Radio Purchase:			
General Electric Co., Radio	404 89		
Installation & Equipment	95 00		
		499 89	
			10,347 38

Fire

Salaries and Wages:			
A Merrill Cummings, Chief	200 00		
Winslow B. Dodge, Janitor	200 00		
Rudolph H. Haraden, Clerk	50 00		
Call Firemen	1,820 75		
		2,270 75	
Carried forward			$43,394 82

Brought forward			$43,394 82
Expenses:			
Coal	255 90		
Electric Current	55 00		
Water Rates	17 00		
Maintenance of Building	35 95		
Equipment and Supplies	508 14		
Telephone	195 60		
Domestic Gas	7 00		
Hose	988 40		
Maintenance of Trucks	359 40		
Truck Insurance	277 67		
Food for Firemen	19 02		
		2,719 08	
			4,989 83

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Salary:			
Erving O. Maxwell, Sealer	230 00		
		230 00	
Expenses:			
Transportation	83 50		
Supplies	14 80		
		98 30	
			328 30

MOTH

Salary and Wages:			
Rudolph H. Haraden, Supt.	1,670 00		
Winslow B. Dodge	908 64		
Other Wages	35 68		
		2,114 32	
Expenses:			
Insecticides	174 92		
Maintenance of Truck	179 47		
Telephone	42 39		
Tools and Supplies	27 80		
Liability Insurance	15 00		
Association Dues, Expenses	8 25		
		447 83	
			3,062 15
Carried forward			$51,775 10

Brought forward			$51,775 10

MOTH — PRIVATE PROPERTY

Salary and Wages:			
Rudolph H. Haraden, Supt.	360 00		
Winslow B. Dodge	179 20		
Other Wages	20 00		
		559 20	
Expenses:			
Insectides	299 36		
		299 36	
			858 56

TREE WARDEN

Salary and Wages:			
Rudolph H. Haraden, Warden	1,170 00		
Winslow B. Dodge	1,218 56		
Other Wages	44 00		
		2,432 56	
Expenses:			
Tools and Supplies	105 73		
Maintenance of Truck	5 90		
Dodge Associates, Trimming	21 25		
Equipment and Repairs	17 21		
		150 09	
Pruning Elms:			
Dodge Associates, Pruning	500 00		
		500 00	
Planting Trees:			
Winslow B. Dodge, Labor	44 80		
Purchase of Trees	126 00		
		170 80	
			3,253 45

FOREST WARDEN

Salary and Wages:			
Fred Berry, Warden	26 67		
A. Merrill Cummings, Warden	13 33		
		40 00	
Expenses:			
Telephone	48 65		
		48 65	
			88 65
Carried forward			$55,975 76

Brought forward			$55,975 76

Civil Defense

Salary and Wages:			
Nellie E. Woodman, Clerk	390 00		
		390 00	
Expenses:			
Postage, Office Supplies	9 75		
First Aid Course Supplies	11 75		
Auxiliary Police Supplies	92 30		
Signs	9 35		
		123 15	
			513 15

Health

Salaries and Wages:			
Arthur M. Knight	47 94		
Lawrence R. Stone	30 00		
Everett F. Haley	36 25		
Edward A. DeWitt	5 81		
Francis H. Whipple, Clerk	60 00		
Ernest M. Barker, Milk Insp.	75 00		
		255 00	
Expenses:			
Abating Nuisance	147 00		
Lumber	17 89		
Supplies	64 03		
Sewage Inspection	445 00		
Rent of Dump	240 00		
Patients at Essex Sanatorium	334 50		
		1,248 42	
			1,503 42
Rubbish Collection:			
Wages:			
Harold Morgan	929 00		
Alden Southwick	748 16		
Herbert Haraden	745 92		
Walter Cheever	732 54		
Other Wages	8 80		
		3,164 42	
Expenses:			
Maintenance of Truck	365 91		
Bulldozer Hire	165 00		
		530 91	
			3,695 33
Carried forward			$61,687 66

Brought forward			$61,687 66
Garbage Collection:			
Amos W. A. Fuller, Jr.	3,100 00		
		3,100 00	
			3,100 00
Dental Clinic			
Dr. John King, Dentist	2,582 50		
Florence Stobbart, Nurse	200 00		
Insurance	17 10		
		2,799 60	
			2,799 60
Maintenance of Essex Sanatorium			
County Treasurer	5,071 27		
		5,071 27	
			5,071 27
Animal Inspection			
Ernest M. Barker, Inspector	90 00		
Transportation	50 00		
		140 00	
			140 00
Highway:			
Salary and Wages:			
Charles F. Poole, Surveyor	3,200 00		
Lewis K. Pierce	2,173 00		
Robert A. Tucker	1,821 92		
Frank E. Manthorn	1,774 08		
Herbert E. Harraden	1,307 04		
Frank C. Back	1,765 12		
Archie Moore	1,702 40		
Alden Southwick	286 72		
Other Wages	319 04		
		14,349 32	
Expenses:			
Gas, Oil, Maint. of Trucks	1,094 03		
Truck Insurance	252 50		
Tools, Supplies, Equipment	641 39		
Carried forward			$72,798 53

Brought forward			$72,198 53
Patching Material	743 46		
Hot Top Material	364 00		
Road Oil	314 82		
Sand, Loam, Gravel, Stone	221 94		
Pipe, Cement, Brick	579 98		
Mowing Roadside	318 75		
Surveying, Engineering	146 50		
Lumber	42 66		
Heating Oil	60 86		
Truck Hire	75 00		
Shovel Hire	159 00		
Roller Hire	43 00		
Loader Hire	32 00		
Digger Hire	60 00		
Bulldozer Hire	7 50		
Painting Signs	20 30		
Express	2 50		
Advertising	4 00		
		5,184 19	
			19,533 51

CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE

Wages:			
Herbert Harraden	17 92		
Frank Manthorn	16 80		
		34 72	
Expenses:			
Road Oil	691 74		
Stone	565 84		
Roller Hire	207 00		
		1,464 58	
			1,499 30

CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION

1952 Contract Balance:			
A. C. Construction Co., Contract	2,513 47		
1953 Contract:			
A. Menici & Sons, Contract	13,322 13		
Guard Rail Posts	117 00		
Advertising for Bids	32 75		
		15,985 35	
			15,985 35
Carried forward			$109,816 69

Brought forward			$109,816 69

GRAVEL ROADS

Wages:			
Lewis K. Pierce	168 64		
Robert A. Tucker	141 60		
Frank E. Manthorn	138 88		
Herbert E. Harraden	116 48		
Frank C. Back	134 40		
Archie L. Moore	89 60		
		789 60	
Expenses:			
Surveying, Engineering	90 00		
Gravel	938 30		
Shovel Hire	754 00		
Grader Hire	456 00		
Truck Hire	429 00		
Bulldozer Hire	318 00		
Loader Hire	40 00		
Roller Hire	253 00		
Road Oil	769 61		
Chloride	38 50		
Sand	82 00		
Cement	1 20		
Stone	34 95		
		4,204 56	
			4,994 16

FOREST STREET

Wages:			
Robert A. Tucker	28 32		
Frank E. Manthorn	26 88		
Frank C. Back	26 88		
		82 08	
Expenses:			
Pipe	113 57		
Catch Basin Frames & Grates	210 00		
Shovel Hire	72 00		
Tree Work	23 63		
Gravel	12 00		
Digger Hire	30 00		
Brick	43 92		
		505 12	
			587 20
Carried forward			$115,398 05

Brought forward			$115,398 05

SIDEWALKS

Wages:			
Lewis K. Pierce	293 76		
Robert A. Tucker	311 52		
Frank E. Manthorn	243 04		
Herbert E. Harraden	85 12		
Frank C. Back	259 84		
Archie L. Moore	295 68		
Other Wages	35 84		
		1,524 80	
Expenses:			
Hot Top Material	840 98		
Lumber	41 14		
Surveying, Engineering	50 00		
Gravel	45 00		
Loam	22 50		
Loader Hire	16 00		
		1,015 62	
			2,540 42

SIDEWALK SNOW PLOW PURCHASE

H. F. Davis Tractor Co.			
Tractor and Equipment	4,253 50		
		4,253 50	
			4,253 50

SNOW REMOVAL AND SANDING

Wages:			
Lewis K. Pierce	333 72		
Robert A. Tucker	244 12		
Frank E. Manthorn	252 00		
Herbert E. Harraden	178 08		
Archie L. Moore	80 64		
Frank C. Back	170 24		
Other Wages	878 40		
		2,137 20	
Expenses:			
Gas, Oil for Trucks	142 02		
Equipment and Repairs	280 08		
Salt	365 00		
Sand	190 00		
Snow Fence	19 00		
Truck and Equipment Hire	1,387 50		
		2,383 60	
			4,520 80

Carried forward	$126,712 77

Brought forward			$126,712 77
Street Lighting			
Essex County Electric Co.	8,818 90		
		8,818 90	
			8,818 90
Public Welfare			
Salaries and Wages:			
Lawrence R. Stone	54 20		
Arthur M. Knight	24 19		
Everett F. Haley	30 00		
Edward A. DeWitt	11 61		
		120 00	
Expenses:			
Cash Grants	1,422 10		
Medical Care	17 35		
Food	32 99		
Coal	27 40		
Other Towns & Cities	87 30		
Association Dues, Expenses	46 10		
Clerical Assistance	72 50		
Serving Legal Process	11 80		
Office Supplies and Equipment	240 33		
		1,957 87	
			2,077 87
Disability Assistance			
Assistance Payments	3,318 91		
		3,318 91	
			3,318 91
Aid to Dependent Children			
Town Funds:			
Assistance Payments	2,324 16		
Federal Funds:			
Assistance Payments	2,512 02		
		4,836 18	
			4,836 18
Carried forward			$145,764 63

Brought forward			$145,764 63

Old Age Assistance

Town Funds:			
Assistance Payments	28,733 72		
Other Towns and Cities	1,080 45		
		29,814 17	
Federal Funds:			
Assistance Payments	15,888 14		
		15,888 14	
			45,702 31

Old Age Administration

Town Funds:			
Francis H. Whipple, Agent	622 80		
Elizabeth Walke, Clerical	40 00		
Office Supplies, Equipment	124 19		
Association Dues, Expenses	43 39		
Transportation	41 60		
		871 98	
Federal Administration		903 06	
			1,775 04

Veteran's Benefits

Cash Grants	2,120 50		
Medical Care	34 40		
Hospital Care	168 00		
Rent	185 00		
Food	15 00		
Fuel	27 00		
Administration	520 00		
		3,069 90	
			3,069 90

SCHOOLS

General Administration

Douglas A. Chandler, Supt.	6,500 00		
Elizabeth Edmondson, Clerk	3,150 00		
Truant Officer	150 00		
School Census	150 00		
Superintendent's Travel	283 54		
Association Dues, Expenses	49 85		
Office Expenses	86 65		
Subscriptions	24 00		
		10,394 04	
Carried forward			$196,311 88

Brought forward		$196,311 88

EXPENSE OF INSTRUCTION

Teachers' Salaries:

Edith Anderson	3,399 92	
Wilbur Armstrong	4,083 32	
Ruth Austen	3,483 32	
Alice Barry	2,100 00	
Margaret Batchelder	3,399 92	
Edwina Beilman	354 00	
Doris Blood	833 32	
Millicent Boswell	3,783 32	
Bette Chittick	2,100 00	
Ellen Duffy	3,516 64	
Harriet Erskine	2,966 64	
Doris Foster	2,966 64	
Marshall Gero	3,500 00	
Esther Goddard	2,900 00	
Ruth Harris	2,866 64	
Nena Hayes	2,840 64	
Dorothy Jones	966 64	
Marian Joseph	3,666 64	
Carolyn Lander	2,799 92	
Rupert Little	472 00	
Mary Lucey	2,983 28	
Donald Mack	1,133 32	
Robert Mattson	1,833 28	
Carl Martini	3,916 64	
Helen Maskiewicz	1,766 64	
Priscilla McKay	3,399 92	
Eleanor McKey	3,416 60	
Katherine Mitchell	966 64	
Wilton Moyer	3,716 60	
Walter Perkins	1,833 28	
Hazel Ramer	3,666 64	
Evelyn Rankin	2,983 28	
Edith Ross	833 32	
Mildred Scanlon	1,000 00	
Maude Thomas	682 00	
Forest Troop	966 64	
Libby Volk	3,416 60	
Joan Webster	916 64	
Carol Westerlund	1,766 64	
Substitutes and Others	1,283 00	
		95,479 88
Carried forward		$196,311 88

Brought forward			$196,311 88
Expenses:			
Writing Supervision	405 00		
Conference and Association Expenses	66 20		
Transportation and Travel	55 52		
Other Expenses	16 30		
		543 02	
Auxiliary Agencies			
School Health:			
Dr. Daniel M. Rogers, Physician	500 00		
Florence Stobbart, Nurse	2,000 00		
Medical Supplies	2 81		
		2,502 81	
Other Expenses:			
Bus Supervisor	50 00		
Trade School Tuition	146 25		
Trade School Transportation	86 77		
Graduation	58 41		
Library	165 58		
Educational Transportation	25 00		
Telephone Service, High and Ele.	395 15		
Equipment	50 00		
		977 16	
Textbooks and Supplies			
Books—High	1,039 73		
Supplies—High	938 88		
Books—Elementary	2,064 94		
Supplies—Elementary	1,696 67		
Shop—Supplies	575 30		
Films	10 11		
Music Supplies	114 67		
Domestic Science	2 40		
Testing	243 23		
Rent of Audograph	105 00		
Trucking	3 00		
		6,793 93	
Operation of Plant			
Janitors' Salaries:			
Bernard Cullen	3,000 00		
Hovey Humphrey	3,000 00		
Fred Morris	2,599 98		
		8,599 98	
Carried forward			$196,311 88

Brought forward			$196,311 88
Expenses:			
Fuel—High	2,474 83		
Electric Current—High	1,263 57		
Domestic Gas—High	99 37		
Water Rates—High	61 00		
Janitors' Supplies—High	690 11		
Fuel—Elementary	2,562 46		
Electric Current—Elementary	1,211 21		
Domestic Gas—Elementary	189 62		
Water Rates—Elementary	32 00		
Janitors' Supplies—Elementary	507 93		
Advertising for Bids	23 81		
		9,115 91	
MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS			
High	861 43		
Elementary	128 90		
		990 33	
TRANSPORTATION			
Pupils—School Sessions	9,169 25		
		9,169 25	
NEW EQUIPMENT			
Purchase of Equipment—High	788 08		
		788 08	
VOCATIONAL			
Tuition	1,067 15		
Transportation	31 25		
		1,098 40	
CLOSING LAMSON SCHOOL			
Plumbing Work	151 10		
		151 10	
FURNITURE PURCHASE			
Desks	528 00		
Chairs	346 50		
Express	2 53		
		877 03	
Carried forward			$196,311 88

Brought forward			$196,311 88
	ATHLETICS		
Officials at Games	275 50		
Police at Games	45 00		
Transportation	346 45		
Reconditioning Uniforms	313 40		
Supplies and Equipment	150 80		
Insurance	54 00		
		1,185 15	
	CAFETERIA		
Salaries and Wages:			
Margaret Back	1,210 00		
Loretta Tremblay	1,210 00		
Marybell Dolliver	579 00		
Wilhelmina Morris	526 50		
Millicent Boswell	10 00		
		3,535 50	
Expenses:			
Groceries and Provisions	11,550 70		
Community Service Charge	37 35		
Express on Commodities	60 37		
Supplies	27 88		
Kitchen Utensils	240 42		
Electric Range	631 50		
Wiring for Range	115 00		
		12,663 22	
			164,864 79
SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION — NEW ELEMENTARY AND ADDITIONS TO HIGH			
Anderson-Nichols & Co., Architects	2,828 51		
Farina Construction Co., Contract	9,760 25		
Knut Swanson, Inc., Contract	12,376 40		
A. B. C. Mulholland, Contract	3,020 00		
Fire Insurance	1,562 48		
Roofing Work	171 65		
Painting	502 15		
Fence	1,598 70		
Furniture	283 00		
Trucking	73 00		
Landscape and Seeding	275 00		
Advertising for Bids	36 50		
Supplies and Equipment	237 40		
		32,725 04	
			32,725 04
Carried forward			$393,901 71

Brought forward			$393,901 71

Reconstruction of High School

Anderson Nichols & Co., Architects	5,620 77		
Francis Maroney, Contract	2,111 10		
Knut Swanson, Inc., Contract	1,279 82		
Farina Construction Co., Contract	1,076 81		
A. B. C. Mulholland, Contract	2,145 00		
Painting	280 00		
Electrical Work	159 80		
Landscape and Seeding	160 50		
Furniture	92 00		
Ventilators	990 00		
		13,915 80	
			13,915 80

School Building Committee

Photostat Copies of Documents	51 25		
		51 25	
			51 25

Public Library

Salary and Wages:			
Lydia L. Haraden	700 00		
Jennie S. Perley	500 00		
		1,200 00	
Expenses:			
Books and Periodicals	1,122 59		
Rent of Branch Library	600 00		
Supplies	82 14		
Wood	5 00		
Book Case—Improvements	669 95		
Janitor Service	50 00		
Labor	8 00		
Electrical Repairs	30 71		
Transporting Books	3 75		
Trips to Boston	12 00		
Electric Current	22 52		
Association Dues	1 25		
		2,607 91	
			3,807 91
Carried forward			$411,676 67

Brought forward			$411,676 67

PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS

Salaries and Wages:			
James Goodrich, Supt.	2,750 00		
Charles Palm	429 50		
Edward Haraden	333 00		
Carolyn MacDonald, Instructor	365 00		
Theodore Johnson, Jr., Instructor	319 00		
Freda Colwell, Instructor	166 00		
Rena Hopkins, Clerk	53 00		
Other Wages	137 19		
		4,552 69	
Expenses:			
Playground Supplies, Equip.	284 46		
Electric Current	32 88		
Tools and Supplies	132 62		
Water Rates	156 00		
Sharpen and Repair Tools	93 35		
Transportation	74 25		
Trailer Insurance	5 00		
Gas and Oil	14 62		
Fertilizer	276 35		
Loam	12 00		
Lumber	13 16		
Electrical Work	22 50		
Plumbing Repairs	2 70		
Welding	2 00		
Coal and Oil	36 18		
Wrecker Service	3 00		
Tractor Mowing	19 00		
Bulldozer Hire	12 00		
Stationery and Postage	3 00		
		1,195 07	
			5,747 76

AMERICAN LEGION HEADQUARTERS

Electric Current	203 71		
Heating Oil	663 00		
Water Rates	17 30		
Roof Repairs	36 56		
Heater Repairs	7 50		
Plumbing Repairs	62 43		
		990 50	
			990 50
Carried forward			$418,414 93

Brought forward			$418,414 93
	MEMORIAL DAY		
Lee's Band	215 00		
Lotito's Band	200 00		
Flowers	135 00		
Flags	50 04		
Refreshments	35 98		
Postage, Printing	12 74		
		648 76	
			648 76
	TOWN REPORTS		
Printing	1,435 00		
Picture and Cuts	20 89		
Delivering	23 00		
		1,478 89	
			1,478 89
	TOWN CLOCK		
Winding Clock	100 00		
		100 00	
			100 00
	INSURANCE		
Blanket Fire Insurance	6,538 38		
Workmen's Compensation	2,054 21		
Boiler	174 89		
		8,767 48	
			8,767 48
	RETIREMENT FUND		
Essex County Retirement Board	3,736 49		
		3,736 49	
			3,736 49
	WATER DEPARTMENT		
Salaries and Wages:			
Raymond A. Whipple, Supt.	3,200 00		
Charles Dolliver, Assist. Supt.	2,700 00		
Alexina Morrow, Clerk	800 00		
Walter Cheever	797 50		
Robert Caves	467 75		
Other Wages	262 00		
		8,227 25	
Carried forward			$433,146 55

Brought forward			$433,146 55
Expenses:			
Electric Current	2,524 39		
Pipe and Fittings	3,776 57		
Meters	1,691 25		
Meter Repairs	257 04		
Tools and Supplies	181 78		
Equipment and Repairs	220 19		
Maintenance of Trucks	483 00		
Liability Insurance	27 87		
Telephone	163 90		
Office Expense	274 50		
Express and Freight	42 10		
Trench Digging	724 30		
Heating Oil	108 05		
Compressor Hire	12 00		
Association Dues	6 00		
		10,492 94	
			18,720 19
EXTENSION OF WATER MAINS			
Pipe, Fittings, Supplies	4,138 41		
Trench Digging	582 25		
Labor	332 50		
Express and Freight	29 72		
		5,082 88	
			5,082 88
WATER PUMP PURCHASE			
Diaphragm Pump	435 00		
		435 00	
			435 00
WATER TRUCK PURCHASE			
Ipswich Motor Co. — Truck	2,079 11		
Equipment for Truck	256 97		
Advertising for Bids	3 00		
		2,339 08	
			2,339 08
CONSTRUCTING PUMPING STATION AND WELL			
Pump Controls	43 20		
		43 20	
			43 20
Carried forward			$459,766 90

Brought forward			$459,766 90
Acquiring Land for Water Purposes			
Robert H. Chittick — Land	300 00		
		300 00	
			300 00
Cemetery Department			
Salaries and Wages:			
Salaries of Commissioners	75 00		
John T. Walke, Clerk	200 00		
Philip Plummer, Supt.	2,750 00		
Archie Moore	179 20		
Raymond Whipple, Jr.	376 00		
Other Wages	111 68		
		3,691 88	
Expenses:			
Equipment, Tools, Supplies	511 66		
Loam and Gravel	72 00		
Water Rates	97 70		
Flowers	26 20		
Telephone	42 70		
Maintenance of Truck	33 09		
Office Supplies, Postage	32 50		
		815 85	
			4,507 73
Special Cemetery Improvements			
Trench Digging	152 00		
Loam	48 00		
Grading and Seeding	253 00		
		453 00	
			453 00
Interest			
Water Bonds, '39, Installation	343 75		
Water Bonds '47, Reservoir & Wells	250 00		
Water Bonds '47, Laying Mains	1,185 00		
Water Bonds '51, Pump House & Well	150 00		
School Bonds '52, Construction	11,672 00		
Temporary Loan, Ant. Revenue	256 67		
		13,857 42	
			13,857 42
Carried forward			$478,885 05

Brought forward			$478,855 05
Maturing Debt			
Water Bonds '39, Installation	5,000 00		
Water Bonds '47, Reservoir & Wells	2,000 00		
Water Bonds '47, Laying Mains	8,000 00		
Water Bonds '51, Pump House & Well	3,000 00		
School Bonds '52, Construction	41,000 00		
		59,000 00	
			59,000 00
Temporary Loan			
Anticipation of Revenue	50,000 00		
		50,000 00	
			50,000 00
Agency			
Witholding Tax	22,517 89		
Retirement Deductions	3,180 72		
Dog Licenses	891 40		
		26,590 01	
			26,590 01
Trusts			
Cemetery Endowments	250 00		
		250 00	
			250 00
Miscellaneous			
County Tax	17,958 65		
State Audit	396 61		
State Parks	583 55		
		18,938 81	
			18,938 81
Refunds			
Overpayments:			
1952 Real Estate Tax	38 00		
1953 Poll Tax	2 00		
1953 Personal Tax	3 10		
1953 Real Estate Tax	951 31		
1952 Motor Vehicle Excise	184 58		
1953 Motor Vehicle Excise	777 80		
Water Rates	26 60		
Water Services	14 00		
Interest	5 16		
		2,002 55	
			2,002 55
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS, 1953			$635,666 42

Transfers

By Annual Town Meeting

From	*To*	
Excess and Deficiency	Revenue	$20,000 00

By Finance Committee

From	*To*	
Reserve Fund	Water Expenses	2,000 00
" "	Insurance	667 48
" "	Health Expenses	459 50
" "	Fire Expenses	510 00
" "	School Furniture	877 03
" "	Police Expenses	90 00
" "	Fire Salaries & Wages	160 75

RECAPITULATION OF DEPARTMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS, TRANSFERS AND EXPENDITURES—1953

Appropriation Account	*Balance 1/1/53*	*Appropriated by Town Meeting*	*Transfers & Refunds*	*Expended*	*Balance 12/31/53*
Selectmen					
Salaries		1,150.00		1,150.00	
Clerical		1,000.00		1,100.00	
Expenses		2,300.00		2,265.37	34.63
Equipment		500.00		287.43	212.57
Accounting					
Salary		2,800.00		2,800.00	
Expenses		250.00		247.38	2.62
Treasurer					
Salary		1,400.00		1,400.00	
Expenses		575.00		495.56	79.44
Collector					
Salary		1,600.00		1,600.00	
Expenses		650.00		590.04	59.96
Assessors					
Wages		2,300.00		2,205.63	94.37
Expenses		475.00		466.88	8.12
Law					
Salary		800.00		800.00	
Expenses		200.00			200.00
Finance Committee					
Expenses		15.00		10.00	5.00
Town Clerk					
Salary		1,000.00		1,000.00	
Expenses		250.00		239.90	10.10
Election and Registration					
Expenses		2,000.00		1,853.14	146.86

Appropriation Account	*Balance 1/1/53*	*Appropriated by Town Meeting*	*Transfers & Refunds*	*Expended*	*Balance 12/31/53*
Planning Board					
Expenses		500.00		278.88	221.12
Town Hall					
Salary		2,750.00		2,750.00	
Expenses		2,000.00		1,996.18	3.82
Office Equipment		800.00		797.81	2.19
Repairs		500.00		500.00	
Alterations	8,000.00			7,800.00	200.00
Police					
Salaries & Wages		8,400.00		8,158.10	241.90
Expenses		1,600.00	90.00 T	1,689.39	.61
Cruiser Radio Purchase		500.00		499.89	.11
Fire					
Salaries & Wages		2,110.00	160.75 T	2,270.75	
Expenses		2,210.00	510.00 T	2,719.08	.92
Sealer of Weights & Measures					
Salary		230.00		230.00	
Expenses		100.00		98.30	1.70
Moth (Town Work)					
Superintendent Salary		1,670.00		1,670.00	
Wages		990.00		944.32	45.68
Expenses		500.00		447.83	52.17
Moth (Private Work)					
Superintendent Salary		360.00		360.00	
Wages		378.00		199.20	178.80
Expenses		300.00		299.36	.64

Appropriation Account	*Balance 1/1/53*	*Appropriated by Town Meeting*	*Transfers & Refunds*	*Expended*	*Balance 12/31/53*
Tree Warden					
Salary		1,170.00		1,170.00	
Wages		1,322.00		1,262.56	59.44
Expenses		160.00		150.09	9.91
Planting Trees	175.00	200.00		170.80	204.20
Pruning Elm Trees		500.00		500.00	
Forest Warden					
Salary		40.00		40.00	
Expenses		65.00		48.65	16.35
Civil Defense	579.25	500.00		513.15	566.10
Health					
Salaries		180.00		180.00	
Expenses		800.00	459.50 T	1,248.42	11.08
Milk Inspector Salary		75.00		75.00	
Dental Clinic					
Salary of Nurse		200.00		200.00	
Expenses		2,600.00		2,599.60	.40
Rubbish Collection		3,700.00		3,695.33	4.67
Garbage Collection		3,100.00		3,100.00	
Animal Inspector					
Salary		90.00		90.00	
Expenses		50.00		50.00	
Highway					
Salary of Surveyor		3,200.00		3,200.00	
Wages		11,250.00		11,149.32	100.68
Expenses		5,325.00		5,184.19	140.81
Chapter 90 Maint.		1,000.00	500.00 T	1,499.30	.70
Chapter 90 Const.	8,148.15	3,200.00	11,000.00 T	15,985.35	6,362.80
Gravel Roads	538.45	4,500.00		4,994.16	44.29

PROTECTIVE BY-LAW OF THE TOWN OF HAMILTON, MASSACHUSETTS

SECTION I. PURPOSE OF BY-LAW

The purpose of this By-Law is to promote the health, safety, welfare and convenience of the inhabitants by dividing the Town of Hamilton into Districts and regulating the use and construction of buildings and premises with a view to encouraging the most appropriate use of land in the Town.

SECTION II.
CONTINUATION OF USES ALREADY IN EXISTENCE

Any lawful building or use of a building or premises or part thereof existing at the time this by-law or any amendment thereto is adopted may be continued although such building or use does not conform to the provisions thereof, provided such use has not been abandoned for a period of one year.

SECTION III. ESTABLISHMENT OF DISTRICTS

Districts. The Town of Hamilton is hereby divided into three districts as shown on the "Zoning Map, Hamilton, Mass." dated January 20th, 1954 and filed with the Town Clerk, and which, with its notations, is hereby made a part of this By-Law:

(1) Residence Districts A.
(2) Residence Districts B.
(3) Business District.

SECTION IV. USES OF RESIDENCE DISTRICTS

In a residence district no building or structure shall be erected or altered and no building or premises shall be used except for the following purposes:

(1) One family dwelling or farm. The term "one family dwelling" shall not include a mobile or immobile automotive type of trailer.

(2) Commercial farm, garden or nursery selling only products, the major portion of which is raised on the premises, and excluding any use injurious, obnoxious or offensive to the neighborhood.

(3) Professional offices in private residences for the use of the occupants only.

(4) Church.

(5) Educational or municipal recreational buildings and uses.

(6) The use, by the resident of a room or rooms in a dwelling or in an accessory building for the pursuit of a home occupation, provided that no substantially continuous employment is required and that there is no external evidence of occupation other than the permitted sign.

(7) Accessory use on the same lot with and customarily incident to any of the above permitted uses and not detrimental to a residential neighborhood. The term "accessory use" shall not include:

(a) A garage for more than four automobiles.
(b) Commercial storage of more than two automobiles.
(c) The taking of more than four lodgers.
(d) Advertising signs except those pertaining to the lease, sale or authorized use of a lot or building on which the sign is placed and not exceeding a total area of twelve square feet, provided that on a lot occupied by a dwelling a sign pertaining to a use shall not exceed (2) square feet and be in the form customary for the purpose.

(8) Buildings and lots may be used for any of the following purposes in a residence district with the authorization of the Board of Appeals subject to appropriate conditions where such are deemed necessary to protect the neighborhood or the town.

(a) Private clubs excepting clubs the chief activity of which is a service customarily carried on as a business.
(b) Alteration of one-family house which was in existence at the time of the passage of this by-law into a two-family house.
(c) Greenhouse.
(d) Commercial gravel, loam, sand or stone removal, provided no excavation results below the level of adjacent roads or the average grade of adjacent land and the area is regraded and loamed.
(e) Commercial riding stable.

SECTION V. BUSINESS DISTRICT USES

In a Business District the following uses only are permitted:

(1) Any use permitted in a residence district.

(2) Filling station or garage.

(3) Retail business, service or public utility not involving manufacture.

(4) Manufacture of products to be sold on the premises at retail where no more than five operators are employed in such manufacture provided such use is not injurious, obnoxious or offensive to the neighborhood.

(5) Office or bank.

(6) Restaurant and other places for serving food.

(7) Newspaper.

(8) Sign advertising goods or services offered by an occupant of the premises for sale, hire or use.

SECTION VI. AREA AND HEIGHT REGULATIONS FOR RESIDENCE DISTRICTS

1. Lot Areas and Frontage. No building may be on a lot in a residence district except one residence building and buildings of accessory use with area and fronatge of not less than the following:

(a) Residence Districts A—area 10,000 square feet with frontage of 90 feet;

(b) Residence Districts B—area 20,000 square feet with frontage of 100 feet;

provided that one building and its accessory buildings may be erected on any lot which, at the time this by-law is adopted, cannot be made to conform to the above requirements.

2. Lots in Two Districts. Where a district boundary line divides any lot in single or joint ownership at the time such line is adopted, the regulations for the less restricted portion of such lot shall extend not more than thirty (30) feet into the more restricted portion, provided the lot has frontage in the less restricted district.

3. Height Limitations. No building of more than two and one-half stories or which exceeds 35 feet in height above the ground shall be erected. The term "half story" shall mean a story in a sloping roof, the area of which at a height four feet above the floor does not exceed two-thirds the floor area of the story immediately below it. Chimneys, poles, spires or tanks and other projections not used for human occupancy may extend above the height limits herein affixed.

4. Location. No building in a residence district shall be within twenty (20) feet of the street line and no building of accessory use except a private garage shall be within sixty (60) feet of a street line. No building shall be within ten (10) feet of the lot line.

5. Appurtenant Open Space. No yard or other open space required for a building by this by-law shall during the existence of such a building be occupied by or counted as open space for another building.

6. In a Business District buildings erected for residence purposes and their premises shall conform to lot size, frontage, height, yard and other regulations of this section applicable to the Residence Districts A.

SECTION VII. ADMINISTRATION

1. Enforcement. This by-law shall be enforced by the Selectmen.

2. Permit. The Board of Selectmen shall issue no permit for the erection of any building or part thereof, plans and specifications and intended use of which are not in all respects in conformity with the provisions of this by-law. Said permit shall be posted conspicuously on the premises during the time of construction. With each application for a permit to build there shall be filed a plan showing the lot, its area and dimensions and the location of the building thereon. The Selectmen shall adopt reasonable rules and regulations governing the method of application for and issuance of said permits.

3. Board of Appeals. In accordance with Section 30 of Chapter 40 of the General Laws, as amended, the Board of Selectmen shall, within thirty days after the adoption of this by-Law, appoint a Board of Appeals consisting of three members, and one associate member which shall act on all matters within its jurisdiction in the manner prescribed by said chapter and shall serve without remuneration.

4. Penalty. Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this by-law shall be fined not more than twenty dollars for each offense. Each day that such wilful violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

5. Validity. The invalidity of any section or provision of the by-laws shall not invalidate any other section or provision hereof.

ZONING MAP
OF THE TOWN OF
HAMILTON, MASSACHUSETTS
SCALE
JANUARY 1954
Charles H. Morse & Son, Eng'rs
180 Salem St. Haverhill, Mass.
IPSWICH
IPSWICH RIVER
TOWN LINE
WINTHROP ST.
HIGHLAND ST.
GOODHUE ST.
BRADLEY STATE
W. PALMER PARK
CUTLER ROAD
BOSTON AND MAINE R.R.
LONG CAUSEWAY BROOK
MAIN ST.
GARDNER ST.
Williams
MILES RIVER
MOULTON ST.
SAGAMORE ST.
ESSEX
TOPSFIELD
ASBURY ST.
Von L. Meyer Est.
Moulton
Smith
Colby
Bradford
Neilson
Cutler Pond
Coolidge
Town Hall
Clark
BRIDGE ST.
formerly Folsom
Barker
Berry
Elwell
Trembley
Berry formerly Essex Branch B&M RR
Woodman
Prince
Bartlett
Holland
Lake Shore Realty Co.
formerly Prince
now GORDON COLLEGE
Chebacco Lake
Beck Pond
Gravelly Pond
Round Pond
CHEBACCO ROAD
SCHOOL ST.
WOODBURY ST.
Brown's Hill
MILES RIVER ROAD
Carmelite Junior Seminary
Myopia Hunt Club
Nason
Pingree
Proctor 990 ft
Asbury Grove
Winthrop
True West
Day
IDLEWOOD BROOK
Pleasant Pond
WILLOW ST.
350 ft from and parallel to ℄ of B&M RR
WENHAM
MANCHESTER
Note: Property lines are those shown at Essex South Registry of Deeds and are shown approximately.
INDICATES RESIDENCE DISTRICTS "A" - MINIMUM LOT AREA 10,000 SQ.FT.
INDICATES RESIDENCE DISTRICTS "B" - MINIMUM LOT AREA 20,000 SQ.FT.
INDICATES BUSINESS DISTRICT

Appropriation Account	*Balance 1/1/53*	*Appropriated by Town Meeting*	*Transfers & Refunds*	*Expended*	*Balance 12/31/53*
Sidewalks	738.98	2,000.00		2,540.42	198.56
Forest Street	811.67	none		587.20	224.47
Tractor Purchase		4,300.00		4,253.50	46.50
Snow Removal & Sanding		5,000.00		4,520.80	479.20
Street Lighting		9,000.00		8,818.90	181.10
Public Welfare					
Salaries		120.00		120.00	
Expenses		4,000.00		2,077.87	2,042.13
Disability Assistance		8,000.00	63.84 R	3,318.91	4,744.93
Aid to Dep. Children					
Assistance		2,500.00		2,324.16	175.84
Administration		25.00			25.00
Old Age Assistance					
Assistance		30,000.00	54.10 R	29,814.17	239.93
Administration		2,000.00		871.98	1,128.02
Veterans' Benefits		6,000.00		3,069.90	2,930.10
Schools					
Superintendents Salary		6,500.00		6,500.00	
Office Expense		4,025.00		3,894.04	130.96
Expense of Instruction		96,557.68		96,022.90	534.78
Textbooks and Supplies		6,815.00	5.00 R	6,793.93	26.07
Auxiliary Agencies		3,598.00		3,479.97	118.03
Operation of Plant		17,843.00		17,715.89	127.11
Repairs and Upkeep		1,000.00		990.33	9.67
New Equipment		800.00		788.08	11.92
Transportation		9,699.00		9,169.25	529.75
Vocational		1,432.00		1,098.40	333.60
Athletics		1,190.00		1,185.15	4.85

Appropriation Account	*Balance 1/1/53*	*Appropriated by Town Meeting*	*Transfers & Refunds*	*Expended*	*Balance 12/31/53*
Driver Training		200.00			200.00
Closing Lamson School		260.00		151.10	108.90
Furniture			877.03 T	877.03	
School Building Committee	1,650.84			374.10	1,276.74
New Ele. & Add. to High	33,032.09			32,725.04	307.05
Reconstruction of High	14,718.83			13,915.80	803.03
Public Library					
Salaries & Wages		1,255.00		1,250.00	5.00
Expenses		2,667.00		2,557.91	115.09
Parks and Playgrounds					
Superintendents Salary		2,750.00		2,750.00	
Labor		900.00		899.69	.31
Salaries of Instructors		850.00		850.00	
Expenses		1,250.00		1,248.07	1.93
Legion Headquarters		1,000.00		990.50	9.50
Memorial Day		650.00		648.76	1.24
Retirement Fund		3,736.49		3,736.49	
Town Clock		100.00		100.00	
Insurance		8,100.00	667.48 T	8,767.48	
Town Reports		1,500.00		1,478.89	21.11
Reserve Fund		5,000.00		4,764.76 (trans.)	235.24
Water					
Superintendents Salary		3,200.00		3,200.00	
Asst. Supt. Salary		2,700.00		2,700.00	
Clerk's Salary		800.00		800.00	
Labor		1,725.00		1,527.25	197.75
Expenses		8,500.00	2,000.00 T	10,492.94	7.06
Extension of Mains	86.61	5,000.00		5,082.88	3.73

Appropriation Account	*Balance 1/1/53*	*Appropriated by Town Meeting*	*Transfers & Refunds*	*Expended*	*Balance 12/31/53*
Pump Purchase		435.00		435.00	
Truck Purchase		2,500.00		2,339.08	160.92
Pump House & Well	322.02			43.20	278.82
Taking Land for Water Purposes		300.00		300.00	
Cemetery					
Superintendents Salary		2,750.00		2,750.00	
Commissioners Salaries		75.00		75.00	
Clerk's Salary		200.00		200.00	
Wages and Expenses		900.00	43.45 R 541.73 T	1,482.73	2.45
Improvements		500.00		453.00	47.00
Interest		13,900.00		13,857.42	42.58
Maturing Debt		59,000.00		59,000.00	

TRUST FUNDS

DR. JUSTIN ALLEN LIBRARY FUND

Savings Bank deposits January 1, 1953	$ 611 37
Interest added during 1953	18 47
Savings Bank deposits December 31, 1953	$629 84

H. AUGUSTA DODGE LIBRARY FUND

Savings Bank deposits January 1, 1953	$1,228 85
Interest added during 1953	37 13
Savings Bank deposits December 31, 1953	$1,265 98

MAXWELL NORMAN FUND

Savings Bank deposits January 1, 1953	$529 71
Interest added during 1953	15 99
Savings Bank deposits December 31, 1953	$545 70

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

Savings Bank Deposits January 1, 1953	$25,903 53
Bequests added to savings deposits during 1953	250 00
Interest added during 1953	841 78
	$26,995 31
Transferred to Town of Cemetery purposes	475 00
Savings Bank deposits December 31, 1953	$26,520 31

CEMETERY SALE OF LOTS AND GRAVES FUND

Savings Bank deposits January 1, 1953		$11,070 54
Cash in Treasury January 1, 1953		200 00
Receipts from sales during 1953		200 00
Interest added during 1953		322 16
		$11,792 70
Withdrawn for Cemetery purposes		500 00
Savings Bank deposits December 31, 1953	$10,892 70	
Cash in Treasury December 31, 1953	400 00	
	$11,292 70	$11,292 70

TOWN OF HAMILTON

Balance Sheet—December 31, 1953

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Assets

Cash:		
General,		$177,204 12
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes:		
Levy of 1953:		
Personal Property,	$828 45	
Real Estate,	10,393 91	
		11,222 36
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:		
Levy of 1953,		4,273 63
Special Assessments:		
Moth—Levy of 1953,		45 30
Tax Titles,		548 78
Departmental:		
Aid to Dependent Children—State,	$680 43	
Old Age Assistance—Cities and Towns,	362 85	
Veterans' Services,	35 50	
Cemetery,	148 50	
		1,227 28
Water:		
Rates,	$2,669 45	
Services,	264 30	
		2,933 75
Aid to Highways:		
State,	$4,824 24	
County,	578 15	
		5,402 39
Underestimate 1953:		
State—Parks and Reservations Assessment,		188 65
		$203,046 26

Liabilities and Reserves

Trust Fund Income:		
Library,	$8 59	
Cemetery Perpetual Care,	597 95	
		$606 54
Recoveries:		
Old Age Assistance,		1,836 45

Federal Grants:		
Disability Assistance:		
Administration,	$107 05	
Assistance,	2,472 65	
Aid to Dependent Children:		
Administration,	239 19	
Aid,	2,435 36	
Old Age Assistance:		
Administration,	2,916 21	
Assistance,	16,743 59	
		24,914 05
Revolving Funds:		
School Lunch,	$2,303 98	
School Athletics,	297 58	
		2,601 56
Appropriation Balances:		
Revenue:		
General,	$10,082 63	
Water—Fluoridization,	1,100 00	
Non-Revenue (Loan Balances):		
School Construction 1952,	307 05	
		11,489 68
Overestimates 1953:		
County:		
Tax,	$438 40	
Tuberculosis Hospital Assessment,	254 92	
		693 32
Sale of Real Estate Fund,		1,225 00
Sale of Cemetery Lots and Graves Fund,		400 00
Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus,		6,312 68
Overlays Reserved for Abatements:		
Levy of 1953,		1,278 82
Revenue Reserved Until Collected:		
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise,	$4,273 63	
Special Assessment,	45 30	
Tax Title,	548 78	
Departmental,	1,227 28	
Water,	2,933 75	
Aid to Highway,	5,402 39	
		14,431 13
Surplus Revenue:		
General,		137,257 03
		203,046 26

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt:		
Inside Debt Limit:		
General,		$236,000 00
Outside Debt Limit:		
General,	$473,000.00	
Public Service Enterprise	123,000 00	
		596,000 00
		$832,000 00

Serial Loans:		
Inside Debt Limit:		
General:		
School,		$236,000 00
Outside Debt Limit:		
General:		
School,	$473,000 00	
Public Service Enterprise:		
Water,	123,000 00	
		596,000 00
		$832,000 00

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust and Investment Funds:	
Cash and Securities:	
In Custody of Treasurer,	$39,854 53
	$39,854 53

In Custody of Treasurer:	
Dr. Justin Allen Library Fund,	$629 84
H. Augusta Dodge Library Fund,	1,265 98
Maxwell Norman Fund,	545 70
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds,	26,520 31
Cemetery Sale of Lots and Graves Fund,	10,892 70
	$39,854 53

TOWN OF HAMILTON

BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

December 31, 1953

Date of Maturity	Water Supply Bonds 1¼%, Issued 7-1-39	Water Bonds, Reservoir & Wells, 1¼%, Issued 10-1-47	Water Bonds, Laying Mains, 1½%, Issued 11-1-47	Water Bonds, Pump House & Well, 1¼%, Issued 10-1-51	School Bonds, Addition to High & New Elementary, 1.6%, Issued 2-1-52	Total
1954	5,000 00	2,000 00	8,000 00	3,000 00	41,000 00	59,000 00
1955	5,000 00	2,000 00	8,000 00	3,000 00	41,000 00	59,000 00
1956	5,000 00	2,000 00	8,000 00	3,000 00	40,000 00	58,000 00
1957	5,000 00	2,000 00	8,000 00		40,000 00	55,000 00
1958	5,000 00	2,000 00	8,000 00		40,000 00	55,000 00
1959		2,000 00	8,000 00		39,000 00	49,000 00
1960		2,000 00	8,000 00		39,000 00	49,000 00
1961		2,000 00	8,000 00		39,000 00	49,000 00
1962		2,000 00	7,000 00		39,000 00	48,000 00
1963					39,000 00	39,000 00
1964					39,000 00	39,000 00
1965					39,000 00	39,000 00
1966					39,000 00	39,000 00
1967					39,000 00	39,000 00
1968					39,000 00	39,000 00
1969					39,000 00	39,000 00
1970					39,000 00	39,000 00
1971					39,000 00	39,000 00
	25,000 00	18,000 00	71,000 00	9,000 00	709,000 00	832,000 00

STATEMENT OF TAX RATE, VALUATION (REAL AND PERSONAL) AND TAX LEVY FOR THE YEARS 1920 TO 1953

Year	Tax Rate	Valuation	Tax Levy
1920	$16.00	$4,250,789.	$ 67,992.62
1921	20.00	4,371,054.	87,421.08
1922	17.00	4,468,116.	75,957.98
1923	21.00	4,784,584.	100,476.43
1924	21.00	5,048,070.	106,009.36
1925	23.80	5,166,948.	122,972.14
1926	24.20	5,370,071.	129,957.01
1927	23.80	5,630,499.	134,005.09
1928	23.40	5,753,574.	134,633.62
1929	22.70	5,711,382.	129,649.54
1930	23.60	5,788,648.	136,613.32
1931	24.70	5,790,487.	143,025.54
1932	23.70	5,852,447.	138,703.59
1933	22.30	5,896,443.	131,490.68
1934	23.80	5,764,536.	137,195.96
1935	28.60	5,725,581.	163,751.62
1936	27.50	5,449,678.	149,866.14
1937	26.70	5,388,069.	143,862.20
1938	25.30	5,487,383.	138,830.79
1939	25.00	5,459,920.	136,498.13
1940	23.80	5,527,226.	131,548.11
1941	23.40	5,593,694.	130,892.44
1942	23.20	5,611,430.	130,185.20
1943	22.00	5,530,325.	121,667.15
1944	22.00	5,550,895.	122,119.69
1945	24.00	5,311,605.	127,478.52
1946	27.00	5,325,260.	143,782.12
1947	31.60	5,706,960.	180,339.95
1948	35.00	5,733,295.	202,644.66
1949	35.00	6,038,280.	212,178.14
1950	38.00	6,323,100.	240,277.80
1951	38.00	6,603,385.	250,928.43
1952	38.00	6,887,205.	261,713.79
1953	42.00	7,377,925.	309,872.85

REPORT *of an* AUDIT
of
THE ACCOUNTS
of the
TOWN *of* HAMILTON
For the year 1953

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Department of Corporations and Taxation
Division of Accounts
State House, Boston 33

WILLIAM A. SCHAN
Commissioner.

HERMAN B. DINE
Director of Accounts.

February 2, 1954

To the Board of Selectmen:

Mr. Everett F. Haley, Chairman
Hamilton, Massachusetts

GENTLEMEN:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Hamilton for the year ending December 31, 1953, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. William Schwartz, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

HERMAN B. DINE,
Director of Accounts

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Mr. Herman B. Dine
Director of Accounts
Department of Corporations and Taxation
State House, Boston

SIR:

In accordance with your instructions, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Hamilton for the year ending December 31, 1953, and submit the following report thereon:

The financial transactions, as recorded on the books of the several departments receiving or disbursing money for the town or committing bills for collection, were examined and checked.

The town accountant's books were examined and compared with the records of the several departments. The payments as recorded in the ledger were verified by comparison with the warrants of the selectmen authorizing the disbursement of town funds, and the receipts were checked with the treasurer's records.

An analysis was made of the ledger, and the appropriation accounts were checked with the town clerk's record of appropriations and transfers

authorized by vote of the town. The transfers from the reserve fund were checked with the finance committee's records.

A trial balance was drawn off proving the ledger accounts to be in balance, and a balance sheet showing the financial condition of the town on December 31, 1953 was prepared and is herewith appended.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked in detail. The recorded receipts were analyzed and compared with the collector's records of payments to the treasurer, with the records in the several departments in which charges originated or in which money was collected for the town, and with the other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury. The recorded disbursements were compared with the warrants authorizing the treasurer to disburse town funds and with the town accountant's books.

The cash book footings were verified, and the cash balance on December 31, 1953 was proved by reconciliation of the bank balances with statements furnished by the banks of deposit and by actual count of the cash in the office.

The savings bank books representing the investments of the trust funds in the custody of the treasurer were examined and listed, the income being proved and the withdrawals being verified.

The payments of debt and interest were checked with the amounts falling due and with the cancelled securities and coupons on file.

The records of tax titles held by the town were examined and checked The amounts added to the tax title account were compared with the collector's records, the reported redemptions were checked with the receipts as recorded on the treasurer's cash book, and the tax titles on hand were listed, proved, and compared with the records at the Registry of Deeds.

The records of deductions from employees' salaries for Federal taxes and for the county retirement system were examined and checked, the payments to the Director of Internal Revenue and to the county treasurer being verified.

It is recommended that the town treasurer report to the town accountant promptly, at the close of each month or oftener, the detail of the receipts for the preceding month or lesser period on the form provided for in the uniform system of accounts adopted by vote of the town.

The books and accounts in the town collector's office were examined and checked. The tax, excise, assessment, water, and cemetery accounts outstanding at the time of the previous examination, as well as all subsequent commitments, were audited and compared with the assessors' and departmental warrants. The cash receipts as posted in the commitment books were compared with the cash book record of collections, the abatements were compared with the assessors' and departmental records of abatements granted, the payments to the treasurer were verified, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved with the control accounts in the accountant's ledger.

It is recommended that the water commissioners cooperate with the town collector in procuring prompt settlement of the delinquent water accounts.

Verification of the outstanding tax, excise, assessment, water and cemetery accounts was made by sending notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, and from the replies received it appears that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

The town clerk's records of sporting and dog licenses were examined, the payments to the Division of Fisheries and Game being verified with the receipts on file and the payments to the town trasurer being compared with the treasurer's cash book.

The surety bonds of the treasurer, collector, deputy collector, and town clerk for the faithful performance of their duties were examined and found to be in proper form .

The records of cash receipts of the sealer of weights and measures, of the health, school, and library departments, and of all other departments wherein money is collected for the town were examined and checked, the payments to the treasurer and the cash on hand being verified.

Appended to this report, in addition to the balance sheet, are tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's and collector's cash, summaries of the tax, excise, assessment, tax title, departmental, and water accounts, as well as tables showing the condition and transactions of the trust funds.

For the cooperation extended by the several town officials during the audit, I wish, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM SCHWARTZ,
Assistant Director of Accounts

RECONCILIATION OF TREASURER'S CASH

Balance January 1, 1953		$210,849 18	
Receipts,		602,021 36	
			$812,870 54
Payments,		$635,666 42	
Balance December 31, 1953:			
Beverly Trust Co., Beverly,	$124,504 37		
Merchants National Bank, Salem,	5,366 65		
Day Trust Company, Boston,	42,609 92		
Cash in office, verified,	4,723 18		
		177,204 12	
			$812,870 54

Beverly Trust Company, Beverly

Balance December 31, 1953, per statement,		$142,923 46
Balance December 31, 1953, per check book,	$124,504 37	
Outstanding checks December 31, 1953, per list	18,419 09	
		$142,923 46

Merchants National Bank, Salem

Balance December 31, 1953, per statement,		$5,407 83
Balance December 31, 1953, per check book,	$5,366 65	
Outstanding checks December 31, 1953, per list,	41 18	
		$5,407 83

Day Trust Company, Boston

Balance December 31, 1953, per statement,	$42,609 92
Balance December 31, 1953, per check book,	$42,609 92

PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS

Federal Taxes

Deductions 1953,	$22,517 89
Payments to Director of Internal Revenue 1953,	$22,517 89

County Retirement System

Deductions 1953,	$3,180 72
Payments to county treasurer 1953,	$3,180 72

RECONCILIATION OF COLLECTOR'S CASH

Cash balances December 31, 1953, per tables:		
Motor vehicle and trailer excise 1953,	$2 02	
Water rates,	8 00	
		$10 02
Cash on hand December 31, 1953, verified,		$10 02

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES—1952

Outstanding January 1, 1953,		$1,178 80
Payments to treasurer 1953,	$767 07	
Abatements 1953,	411 73	
		$1,178 80

REAL ESTATE TAXES—1952

Outstanding January 1, 1953,	$9,713 29	
Refunds 1953,	38 00	
		$9,751 29
Payments to treasurer 1953,	$9,506 19	
Abatements 1953,	112 10	
Tax titles taken 1953,	133 00	
		$9,751 29

POLL TAXES—1953

Commitment per warrant,	$2,170 00	
Refunds 1953,	2 00	
Abatements rescinded 1953,	4 00	
		$2,176 00
Payments to treasurer 1953,	$1,812 00	
Abatements 1953,	364 00	
		$2,176 00

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES—1953

Commitment per warrant,	$26,334 42	
Refunds,	3 10	
		$26,337 52
Payments to treasurer,	$24,658 57	
Abatements,	850 50	
Outstanding December 31, 1953, per list,	828 45	
		$26,337 52

REAL ESTATE TAXES—1953

Commitment per warrants,	$283,635 03	
Refunds,	951 31	
		$284,586 34
Payments to treasurer,	$267,579 88	
Abatements,	6,398 35	
Added to tax titles,	214 20	
Outstanding December 31, 1953, per list,	10,393 91	
		$284,586 34

MOTOR VEHICLE AND TRAILER EXCISE—1952

Outstanding January 1, 1953,	$978 67	
Commitments 1953, per warrants,	2,052 45	
Refunds 1953,	184 58	
		$3,215 70
Payments to treasurer 1953,	$2,947 71	
Abatements 1953,	267 99	
		$3,215 70

MOTOR VEHICLE AND TRAILER EXCISE—1953

Commitments per warrants,	$33,050 76	
Refunds,	777 80	
		$33,828 56
Payments to treasurer,	$27,256 43	
Abatements,	2,298 50	
Outstanding December 31, 1953, per list,	4,271 61	
Cash balance December 31, 1953,	2 02	
		$33,828 56

MOTH ASSESSMENTS—1952

Outstanding January 1, 1953,	$7 90
Payments to treasurer 1953,	$7 90

MOTH ASSESSMENTS—1953

Commitment per warrant,		$846 60
Payments to treasurer,	$801 30	
Outstanding December 31, 1953, per list,	45 30	
		$846 60

INTEREST ON TAXES AND EXCISE

Collections 1953:			
Taxes:			
Levy of 1952,	$233 37		
Levy of 1953,	62 84		
		$296 21	
Motor vehicle and trailer excise:			
Levy of 1952,	$2 21		
Levy of 1953,	15 56		
		17 77	
			$313 98
Payments to treasurer 1953,			$313 98

TAX TITLES

Balance January 1, 1953,		$499 55	
Tax titles taken:			
Taxes 1952,	$133 00		
Interest and costs,	21 26		
		154 26	
Added to tax titles:			
Taxes 1953,		214 20	
			$868 01
Tax titles redeemed,		$319 23	
Balance December 31, 1953, per list,		548 78	
			$868 01

SELECTMEN'S DEPARTMENT

Cash balance January 1, 1953,		$2 00	
Licenses and permits issued 1953:			
Automobile,	$10 00		
Common victualler,	6 00		
Junk,	40 00		
Liquor,	1,525 00		
One-day liquor,	2 00		
Pinball machine,	39 99		
Revolver,	23 50		
Second-hand articles,	6 00		
Sunday,	16 00		
		1,668 49	
			$1,670 49
Payments to treasurer 1953,			$1,670 49

TOWN CLERK

Dog Licenses

Licenses issued 1953:			
Male,	214 @ $2 00,	$428 00	
Female,	42 @ 5 00,	210 00	
Spayed female,	73 @ 2 00,	146 00	
Kennel,	5 @ 10 00,	50 00	
Kennel,	3 @ 25 00,	75 00	
Kennel,	1 @ 50 00,	50 00	
			$959 00
Payments to treasurer 1953,		$891 40	
Fees retained by town clerk,	338 @ $ 20,	67 60	
			$959 00

Hunting and Fishing Licenses

Licenses issued 1953:			
Series #1,	57 @ $3 25,	$185 25	
2,	78 @ 3 25,	253 50	
3,	47 @ 5 25,	246 75	
4,	7 @ 1 25,	8 75	
4A,	12 @ 2 25,	27 00	
6,	1 @ 7 75,	7 75	
7,	1 @ 2 75,	2 75	
9,	1 @ 7 75,	7 75	
			$739 50
Payments to Division of Fisheries and Game 1953,		$688 50	
Fees retained by town clerk, 1953,	204 @ $ 25,	51 00	
			$739 50

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Cash balance January 1, 1953,	$ 40	
Fees 1953,	71 70	
		$72 10
Payments to treasurer 1953,	$71 60	
Cash balance December 31, 1953,	50	
		$72 10

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Licenses and Permits

Issued 1953:			
Licenses:			
Ice Cream,	$5 00		
Oleomargarine,	1 00		
Pasteurization,	10 00		
		$16 00	
Permits:			
Sewerage disposal,		460 00	
			$476 00
Payments to treasurer 1953,			$476 00

MILK INSPECTOR

Permits issued 1953:		
Dealer,	$6 00	
Store,	7 50	
		$13 50
Payments to treasurer 1953,		$13 50

DENTAL CLINIC

Cash balance January 1, 1953,	$22 25	
Receipts,	521 25	
		$543 50
Payments to treasurer,	$476 80	
Cash on hand December 31, 1953, verified,	66 70	
		$543 50

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Miscellaneous Receipts

Receipts 1953,	$22 86
Payments to treasurer 1953,	$22 86

PUBLIC WELFARE DEPARTMENT

General Relief—Accounts Receivable

Charges 1953,	$157 00
Payments to treasurer 1953,	$157 00

Disability Aid—Accounts Receivable

Charges 1953,		$2,073 49
Payments to treasurer 1953,		$2,073 49

Aid to Dependent Children—Accounts Receivable—State

Charges 1953,		$1,951 56
Payments to treasurer,	$1,271 13	
Outstanding December 31, 1953, per list,	680 43	
		$1,951 56

BUREAU OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Accounts Receivable—State

Charges 1953,		$17,469 98
Payments to treasurer 1953,	$17,207 84	
Transferred from old age assistance recoveries 1953,	262 14	
		$17,469 98

Accounts Receivable—Cities and Towns

Outstanding January 1, 1953,	$347 43	
Charges,	1,168 25	
		$1,515 68
Payments to treasurer,	$1,152 83	
Outstanding December 31, 1953, per list,	362 85	
		$1,515 68

VETERANS' SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Accounts Receivable

Charges 1953,		$1,067 16
Payments to treasurer,	$1,031 66	
Outstanding December 31, 1953, per list,	35 50	
		$1,067 16

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Accounts Receivable

Outstanding January 1, 1953,	$400 00	
Charges 1953,	1,310 00	
		$1,710 00
Payments to treasurer 1953,	$1,690 00	
Abatements 1953,	20 00	
		$1,710 00

Lunch Program

Receipts 1953,	$16,790 49
Payments to treasurer 1953,	$16,790 49

Athletic Program

Receipts 1953,	$218 30
Payments to treasurer 1953,	$218 30

Miscellaneous Receipts

Receipts 1953:	
Manual training,	$63 00
Payments to treasurer 1953,	$63 00

LIBRARY DEPARTMENT

Cash balance January 1, 1953,	$7 72	
Receipts,	17 72	
		$25 44
Payments to treasurer,	$16 98	
Cash on hand December 31, 1953, verified,	8 46	
		$25 44

PARK DEPARTMENT

Tennis Courts

Receipts 1953,	$15 00
Payments to treasurer 1953,	$15 00

WATER DEPARTMENT

Rates

Outstanding January 1, 1953,	$2,484 64	
Commitments,	23,479 87	
Refunds,	26 60	
		$25,991 11
Payments to treasurer,	$23,248 56	
Abatements,	73 10	
Outstanding December 31, 1953, per list,	2,661 45	
Cash balance December 31, 1953	8 00	
		$25,991 11

Services

Outstanding January 1, 1953,	$388 76	
Commitments,	2,276 39	
Refunds,	14 00	
		$2,679 15
Payments to treasurer,	$2,413 85	
Abatements,	1 00	
Outstanding December 31, 1953, per list,	264 30	
		$2,679 15

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

Accounts Receivable

Outstanding January 1, 1953,	$139 25	
Commitments,	489 00	
Abatements rescinded,	9 00	
		$637 25
Payments to treasurer,	$455 00	
Abatements,	33 75	
Outstanding December 31, 1953, per list,	148 50	
		$637 25

Miscellaneous Receipts

Receipts 1953:		
Perpetual care bequests,	$250 00	
Sale of lots and graves,	200 00	
Care of lots and graves,	63 00	
Interments,	368 00	
		$881 00
Payments to treasurer 1953,		$881 00

DR. JUSTIN ALLEN LIBRARY FUND

	Savings Deposits	*Total*
On hand January 1, 1953,	$611 37	$611 37
On hand December 31, 1953,	$629 84	$629 84

Receipts		Payments	
1953			
Income,	$18 47	Added to savings deposits.	$18 47

H. AUGUSTA DODGE LIBRARY FUND

	Savings Deposits	*Total*
On hand January 1, 1953,	$1,228 85	$1,228 85
On hand December 31, 1953,	$1,265 98	$1,265 98

Receipts		Payments	
	1953		
Income,	$37 13	Added to savings deposits,	$37 13

MAXWELL NORMAN FUND

	Savings Deposits	*Total*
On hand January 1, 1953,	$529 71	$529 71
On hand December 31, 1953,	$545 70	$545 70

Receipts		Payments	
	1953		
Income	$15 99	Added to savings deposits,	$15 99

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

	Savings Deposits	*Total*
On hand January 1, 1953,	$25,903 53	$25,903 53
On hand December 31, 1953,	$26,520 31	$26,520 31

Receipts		Payments	
	1953		
Withdrawn from savings deposits,	$475 00	Added to savings deposits,	$1,091 78
Income,	841 78	Transferred to town.	475 00
Bequests,	250 00		
	$1,566 78		$1,566 78

CEMETERY SALE OF LOTS AND GRAVES FUND

	Cash in General Treasury	*Savings Deposits*	*Total*
On hand January 1, 1953,	$200 00	$11,070 54	$11,270 54
On hand December 31, 1953	$400 00	$10,892 70	$11,292 70

Receipts		Payments	
	1953		
Withdrawn from savings deposits,	$500 00	Added to savings deposits,	$322 16
Income,	322 16	Transferred to town,	500 00
Sale of lots and graves,	200 00	Cash in general treasury December 31, 1953,	400 00
Cash in general treasury January 1, 1953,	200 00		
	$1,222 16		$1,222 16

TOWN OF HAMILTON

Balance Sheet—December 31, 1953

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Assets

Cash:		
General,		$177,204 12
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes:		
Levy of 1953:		
Personal Property,	$828 45	
Real Estate,	10,393 91	
		11,222 36
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:		
Levy of 1953,		4,273 63
Special Assessments:		
Moth—Levy of 1953,		45 30
Tax Titles,		548 78
Departmental:		
Aid to Dependent Children—State,	$680 43	
Old Age Assistance—Cities and Towns,	362 85	
Veterans' Services,	35 50	
Cemetery,	148 50	
		1,227 28
Water:		
Rates,	$2,669 45	
Services,	264 30	
		2,933 75
Aid to Highways:		
State,	$4,824 24	
County,	578 15	
		5,402 39
Underestimate 1953:		
State—Parks and Reservations Assessment,		188 65
		$203,046 26

Liabilities and Reserves

Trust Fund Income:		
Library,	$8 59	
Cemetery Perpetual Care,	597 95	
		$606 54
Recoveries:		
Old Age Assistance,		1,836 45
Federal Grants:		
Disability Assistance:		
Administration,	$107 05	
Assistance,	2,472 65	
Aid to Dependent Children:		
Administration,	239 19	
Aid,	2,435 36	
Old Age Assistance:		
Administration,	2,916 21	
Assistance,	16,743 59	
		24,914 05
Revolving Funds:		
School Lunch,	$2,303 98	
School Athletics,	297 58	
		2,601 56
Appropriation Balances:		
Revenue:		
General,	$10,082 63	
Water—Fluoridization,	1,100 00	
Non-Revenue (Loan Balances):		
School Construction 1952,	307 05	
		11,489 68
Overestimates 1953:		
County:		
Tax,	$438 40	
Tuberculosis Hospital Assessment,	254 92	
		693 32

Sale of Real Estate Fund,		1,225 00
Sale of Cemetery Lots and Graves Fund,		400 00
Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus,		6,312 68
Overlays Reserved for Abatements:		
Levy of 1953,		1,278 82
Revenue Reserved Until Collected:		
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise,	$4,273 63	
Special Assessment,	45 30	
Tax Title,	548 78	
Departmental,	1,227 28	
Water,	2,933 75	
Aid to Highway,	5,402 39	
		14,431 13
Surplus Revenue:		
General,		137,257 03
		203,046 26

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt:		
Inside Debt Limit:		
General,		$236,000 00
Outside Debt Limit:		
General,	$473,000.00	
Public Service Enterprise	123,000 00	
		596,000 00
		$832,000 00
Serial Loans:		
Inside Debt Limit:		
General:		
School,		$236,000 00
Outside Debt Limit:		
General:		
School,	$473,000 00	
Public Service Enterprise:		
Water,	123,000 00	
		596,000 00
		$832,000 00

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust and Investment Funds:	
Cash and Securities:	
In Custody of Treasurer,	$39,854 53
	$39,854 53

In Custody of Treasurer:	
Dr. Justin Allen Library Fund,	$629 84
H. Augusta Dodge Library Fund,	1,265 98
Maxwell Norman Fund,	545 70
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds,	26,520 31
Cemetery Sale of Lots and Graves Fund,	10,892 70
	$39,854 53

REPORT

of the

HAMILTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

1953

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REPORT OF
THE HAMILTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

To the Citizens of Hamilton:

The School Committee herewith accepts the following report of the Superintendent of Schools and refers the townspeople to it as the School Department report of accomplishments during 1953 and aims for the future.

We should like to call particular attention to that part of the report which deals with school housing needs. The department is again faced with a serious situation in this respect. The new school is already too small due to the continued rapid growth of the town. It is imperative that there be additional classroom space in the fall of 1955. Since there are obviously several alternatives to be considered and since it is not the province of the School Committee alone to arbitrarily decide which is the best solution, we are asking the town to approve appointment of a special committee to include the School Committee and Superintendent, to study all the possibilities and to report at an early date on their recommendations.

The committee wishes to compliment the Superintendent for his excellent administration during the year. The town is exceedingly fortunate to have him. We also wish to commend the entire staff for its fine work during 1953.

The Committee is also grateful for the cheerful cooperation extended to us by the Park and Highway Departments, the Selectmen, Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Parent-Teacher Association and numerous other town officials and private citizens who have made generous contributions in one way or another to the school system.

The School Committee is ever vigilant towards maintaining the best possible school system for Hamilton, within the bounds of good economics for the town. To that end we shall remain forever devoted.

Respectfully submitted,

MORLEY L. PIPER,
Chairman.

GRACE B. LAMSON

ALLAN MacCURRACH

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SC

To the School Committee of Hamilton:

It is a pleasure to submit my second annual report. the series of superintendent's annual reports for the Tow

School Plant

We have completed a full year in the new elementary enlarged and renovated high school. Each building has tions of it and each has contributed to a better educationa pupils. The Building Committee has worked tirelessly complete and check the satisfactory operation of the operational difficulties have been satisfactorily met and pleasant years of occupancy in this fine plant.

The Building Committee most graciously suggested School Committee would like to name the new school. mittee, while fully appreciating the honor so accorded Building Committee was the proper group to select name. Naming the school in accordance with their wish recognition of the major contribution they have made Hamilton.

Certain necessary equipment has been added to the teria so that all cooking for this building is now done This step eliminated the necessity for transporting co buildings and it has provided a better hot lunch prog school.

In the 1952 report it was pointed out that Hamilto increasing more rapidly than was expected and that the number of children seeking admission to our schools wa ity of our school plant. During the summer of 1953 i that a record enrollment would materialize in Septe Committee in planning for the greater numbers, appr plan for the kindergarten and the creation of an additio tion. Four sections of the two-session kindergarten are school building in order to provide space for four sectio two sections each of Grades II through VI in the new el

We feel that our current housing problem has been worked out on a mutually satisfactory basis for this school year. We are working now on solutions to the new problems which will face us in September 1954.

Based upon present enrollment, and assuming that the number of children entering kindergarten remains somewhere near its present level, it is obvious that our need for additional elementary classrooms is now immediate. The new school which was designed to house all kindergarten through six grade pupils in fourteen classrooms will be four rooms too small in September 1954, twelve rooms too small in September 1958.

The high school building seems to be large enough to provide for an expanding secondary school population for the forseeable future. The present temporarily small senior high school classes combined with the three extra rooms provided by the new construction make it possible to house the kindergarten and some elementary school overflow for a very short time. As the present large elementary and junior high school classes move up in grade level the high school building can be used only for grades seven through twelve. The table of projected enrollment on page 26 will clearly indicate the magnitude of our probable space needs in the immediate future.

The School Committee, after studying the enrollment statistics, felt that it was highly desirable to ask that an article be placed in the warrant for Town Meeting requesting the appointment of a Building Needs Committee. This committee can study all the factors involved in our present and future housing needs and present possible solutions to the town for consideration.

The Staff

Our staff continues to grow in size as our enrollment increases. This year three new teachers were added to our staff along with our normal replacement of teachers leaving our service for other activities. In September 1953, we welcomed the following new people to our staff: Miss Edith Ross, Kindergarten, Miss Doris Blood and Miss Katherine Mitchell, Grade I, Mrs. Ward J. Jones, Grade IV, Mr. Forest Troop, Grade V, Mrs. Thomas Scanlon, Grade VI, Miss Joan Webster and Mr. Donald Mack, high school, and Mr. Rupert Lillie, Art Supervisor.

We are pleased to report that our staff continues to grow in competency through programs of self-improvement and group improvement. The Professional Improvement Committee has approved teachers' plans for further study and educational travel whenever it was apparent that such study or travel would make a contribution to the teacher's effectiveness in the classroom. Monthly staff meetings under the direction of the principals serve to direct the efforts of all to a consideration of the problems and issues incident to the continued improvement of the services to our children.

In September 1954, it will be necessary to add three more teachers to provide for extra sections of Grade II and Grade VIII.

Our pupils continue to benefit from the dedicated services of Dr. Daniel Rogers, school physician, Dr. John King, director of the dental clinic, and Miss Florence Stobbart, school nurse. Increased numbers of pupils make

ever greater demands on the time of our personnel. We feel that every pupil in our schools is the beneficiary, directly or indirectly, of the expert physical care which is provided as an integral part of our total school program. There must be no curtailment of these vital health services and we recommend that a careful study be made in the year ahead to discover ways and means of providing more time in which to care for more and more pupils.

Last year we expressed some concern over the work load of the school building custodians. Our men have done an excellent job in cleaning and maintaining our buildings and they have met willingly the many extra demands on their time. Experience has clearly demonstrated the necessity for a fourth custodian to adequately service the school plant which represents such a substantial investment by the town.

Curriculum

In September the policy concerning basic course requirements in the secondary level was modified as was proposed in last year's report. In so far as is possible, four-year plans are made so that each pupil entering the ninth grade knows with some degree of certainty those subjects which he must take in order to meet his known educational-vocational objective. Within the framework of the basic required or core program each pupil is permitted free choice from the program of studies in order to complete his individual program.

Point credit in those courses which require no outside preparation has been reduced. Our credit allotments in all courses are now in line with accepted practice in the majority of secondary schools. This change also makes it necessary for every pupil to plan a program which will include minimum essentials in English, mathematics, science and social studies if he is to qualify for a diploma.

The Iowa Tests of Educational Development were administered to every pupil in grades nine through twelve. This battery of objective tests measures each student's achievement in the basic areas of English, mathematics, science, and social studies. Each must demonstrate his knowledge through his reaction to life like situations. The results of these tests are usable in many ways. Each pupil prepares a profile of his own achievement showing his areas of strength and weakness. From these results it is possible for him to plan effectively for the future with emphasis being placed on his needs.

Each pupil may compare his achievement to the average for his class, to the average for all the pupils in New England in his grade, and to the average for all the pupils in the nation for his grade. Such comparisons are sometimes helpful in terms of individual guidance. By the use of group averages it is possible for the teaching staff to observe the relative effectiveness of our program in comparison with other schools in New England and in the nation. Such comparisons must be made with great care and with due regard to all the qualifying considerations present in a given situation. Interpreted from this point of view, it becomes possible to use these test results as the basis for curriculum study, for individual course improvement, and as a stimulus to improve teaching methods.

As these tests are administered in succeeding years the results become increasingly valuable as they begin to show the degree of individual pupil growth from year to year as well as the effectiveness of an improved curriculum as a tool for this growth.

At the elementary grade level our concern has been with the child who seems to be making less than normal progress within his age and grade group. We know that many children seemingly reach temporary plateaus in achievement; that for some, difficulties in reading become a road block which hinders normal progress. It is very difficult for the regular classroom teacher to single out and work individually with a child who may need a short period of concentrated effort on his particular difficulty. Such help must be given, however, if the child is to resume his normal progress.

We have been fortunate in securing the services of Mrs. William McCann, a trained special class and remedial teacher, who works with our boys and girls who need special help. Every teacher in grades one through six studies his own group continually to observe pupil progress. If a situation is noted in which an individual child needs help the classroom teacher takes the proper steps to overcome the seeming difficulty within the framework of his own class procedure. If the child needs individual work beyond the scope of that which can be offered by his regular teacher who also has responsibility for the whole class, then our special teacher can be called upon for help in meeting the needs. The child is given special attention until his difficulty is cleared up and he is again on the road of normal progress.

Obviously, this special service does not solve all our known difficulties. It is significant, however, that both pupils and teachers have expressed their appreciation for this extra service and all have commented on how valuable it has been to have the individual helped at the time when he needs it most. We feel that an extension of this service is imperative. It is almost impossible to measure the invaluable contribution that is being made in making it possible for many pupils to adjust satisfactorily to the school environment, to continue to progress without the frustrations of seeming failure as an ever present possibility.

The staff and administration of our schools pledge continued study of our total curriculum; with a better understanding of the changing needs of all our pupils it becomes entirely possible to implement our program of studies so that these needs can be met.

Activities

Reports which are included herewith indicate the many activities in which pupils of all ages participate. Our athletic and social program is an integral part of the curriculum and each activity makes a definite contribution to the process of growing up. Teacher-coaches and sponsors deserve special commendation for their devoted efforts in behalf of our boys and girls.

Interscholastic and intramural athletics combined with required physical education classes for all provides a well rounded program. We are working to build a sound social activity plan which will be of interest and value to all the pupils. Assemblies, plays, parties, and dances need to be

held with greater frequency if the maximum growth in social education is to result.

The boys and girls in our schools responded magnificently to a new plan for Hallowe'en. Assembly programs in each school developed enthusiastic response to the idea of abandoning the traditional "Trick or Treat" in favor of a clothing collection for needy people throughout the world. The Save The Children Federation cooperated with us and all clothing collected was sent to them at their expense for redistribution to children and adults in blighted parts of this and other countries. The overwhelming generosity of the townspeople and the willing efforts of our boys and girls made the drive an outstanding success. The Federation estimated that we would collect not over 25 bags of clothing; we were pleased to ship 83 bags weighing 1245 pounds as our contribution! Many people have expressed approval of the change in motive from the selfishness of "Trick or Treat" to the generosity of helping others. It is our hope that this plan may become a traditional part of our Hallowe'en celebration.

The Hamilton Parent-Teacher Association has had excellent support from parents and teachers. Programs are planned in an attempt to be mutually helpful to both groups and the talents of all are drawn upon to present stimulating topics for consideration. The staff is grateful for the loyal support of parents and friends and for their willingness to work for the continued improvement of the schools.

School Lunch Program

Mention is made in the principals' reports concerning our cafeterias. A special word of commendation is due the women who work so hard to make our hot lunch program a success. Participation in the program is increasing; approximately two-thirds of our pupils take advantage of a nutritious and balanced meal at a total cost of twenty-five cents including milk and dessert. Our cafeterias operate without cost to the town. The receipts from the sale of lunch tickets together with a public school subsidy under the Federal School Lunch Program make it possible to meet all expenses of operation. Any income beyond the break-even point is put back into the program through more and better meals for the pupils. We now employ two full-time and two part-time workers under the direction of Miss Boswell the cafeteria supervisor.

Costs of Public Schools

Every citizen is increasingly aware of the rising costs of municipal services. Even though the cost of the public schools represents a sizeable part of the total municipal budget it is gratifying that this investment is being made willingly in behalf of the children in our town. The goal of the School Committee and of the total staff is to provide the best schools possible within the framework of a reasonable expenditure of public funds. We all want good schools and good schools cost money. We are dedicated to the task of using wisely those funds which are provided for the support of good schools in Hamilton. The school dollar for 1953 was spent as follows:

7 cents	General Control—Superintendent and Administration
69 cents	Experienced teachers, principals, and supervisors Textbooks and supplies Art, music and audio-visual aids Remedial Teaching Guidance and testing
13 cents	Custodians Light, heat, water Cleaning and repair materials Maintenance (repairs, replacements)
8 cents	Transportation of school children School Physician and nurse Libraries and graduation
3 cents	New equipment, athletics, vocational education and Adult education

It cost $232.70 per pupil to provide for the boys and girls in our schools during the school year 1952-1953. This compares with an average per pupil cost of $245.94 for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

It is obvious that our budget for 1954 will be larger than that for 1953 since our services must be expanded to provide for more children in our schools. The major increases will be reflected in the need for additional teachers and additional materials and supplies.

Certain essential repairs have been delayed at the request of the School Building Committee because they wished to include them in their plans for the high school renovation if there were funds available at the conclusion of prior committments. Since it seems impossible for the Building Committee to complete them, we have provided for them in the proposed school budget.

Several items of new equipment were provided for in our original budget plans but the School Building Committee very generously agreed to ask for additional funds in order to provide them for us. By doing this, the Building Committee will effect a saving to the town in the amount of State Aid it will be able to claim on these items. We are most appreciative of the Committee's efforts in our behalf.

Conclusion

As I look back upon the year just completed it is heartwarming to remember the loyal support and cooperation of the School Building Committee, the Parent-Teacher Association, the staff and student body, and the townspeople, as each has shared so generously in the success of our schools.

I am most grateful for the ever-willing assistance of Mrs. Alfred Edmondson, school secretary, who this year has completed twenty-five years of outstandingly fine service to the schools of Hamilton.

I deeply appreciate the tireless efforts of the members of our School Committee as they have worked so understandingly on the complex problems of our schools. Their policy decisions are made on the basis of achieving the greatest good for every child in our schools and because of this we can face the future confidently, secure in our belief that the public schools will continue to work to meet the needs of all the children of Hamilton.

Respectfully submitted,

DOUGLAS A. CHANDLER,
Superintendent.

REPORT OF THE HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

To the Superintendent of Schools:

Dear Sir:

I am pleased to submit my third annual report as Principal of Hamilton High School.

This past school year has been a rewarding one at Hamilton High due to the expansion of school facilities resulting in more nearly ideal working conditions; due to the addition of one extra faculty member thus allowing more class division; and also due to an increase in pupil-interest in both regular and extra-curricular activities.

The annex classroom which was unfinished at the time of Dedication last November has been equipped with heating-ventilator units and new green chalkboards so that now it is constantly available for any kind of class use. This helps to solve a problem of housing two seventh grades for the first time. Our new cafeteria has adequate seating-room but due to limited cooking and serving facilities the platoon system is a "must". Constantly increasing enrollment warns us that a third lunch period will be required next year. Probably the best recommendation for this problem is lengthening the school session by about 15 minutes. The cafeteria also serves as a projection room since the new gymnasium is not yet equipped with dark curtains for daylight movies. Vocal music rehearsals are frequently held in the cafeteria now that an additional upright piano has been loaned to the school by John Walke. This year Miss Austen has started vocal music for grades seven and eight which had been omitted for several years because of lack of an instructor. The Senior Glee Club also enjoys an extra rehearsal period this year.

Our spacious gymnasium has been in constant use for athletic drill, games, and assembly purposes. Since it is an auditorium as well as a gymnasium, more stage equipment is needed. In April our High School Dramatic Club produced a school play, "Our Miss Brooks," under the able direction of Mrs. Eleanor McKey. Spot-lighting was sketchy as nearly all lighting equipment had to be borrowed and lack of a cyclorama was most noticeable. However, the production was appreciatively received and much credit is due the dramatic-coach, the pupil participants, and the shop department. We know that as more stage equipment becomes available improved productions will result.

In September an extra member was added to our faculty, Mr. Donald Mack, who came to us from Minetto, New York, where he had been teaching mathematics, general science and health for the past three years. Mr. Mack earned his Bachelor's degree at Springfield and his Master of Science at Syracuse University. In our high school he is instructing in mathematics and general science. Miss Joan Webster came to us from Merrimac, replacing Miss Helen Maskiewicz as commercial teacher, physical education

and basketball coach. Miss Webster has a Bachelor's degree from Salem Teachers College. Mr. Rupert Lillie of Wenham replaced Miss Edwina Beilman as Art instructor. He is a graduate of the Harvard School of Design, has seven years' teaching experience and has charge of the models at Widener Library.

Our curriculum was expanded noticeably in the science department this year. Previously physics and chemistry have been offered on alternate years. Starting this past September courses in both practical and college chemistry have been offered the seniors and college preparatory physics in grade eleven. This should prepare the engineering and technical candidates much more efficiently than in previous years.

An Open House in March of 1953 was held to give the townspeople another opportunity to take a more leisurely view of the new parts of the building, to enjoy an exhibition of school work displayed on the walls of the cafeteria, and to be entertained with a physical education demonstration and Glee Club recital in the new War Memorial Auditorium.

During the same month our Cheerleading Squad was invited to compete in the Prouty High School Tournament at Spencer, Massachusetts where the local group received much inspiration from contact with well-drilled units from larger high schools.

The second Friday in March is set aside by state statute as Good Government Day and as usual Hamilton High sent a delegate, Ann LeBlanc; this year John Neary has been chosen to attend.

Our guidance plans are continuing to be expanded. Group assemblies have already been held since September with speakers from Essex Agricultural School, Calvin Coolidge College and Katharine Gibbs School of Boston. In November a battery of aptitude tests were administered to the senior class by three employees of the Bureau of Employment Security in Salem who function under the direction of the United States Employment Service. In December a representative from this same office held individual conferences with each senior regarding the results of the tests accompanied with appropriate vocational advice. This is a free service and is proving most beneficial to the pupils and to our school advisors. Nearly 50% of last year's graduating class are attending higher institutions of learning partly as a result of earnest guidance.

Pupil assemblies are being held monthly in an attempt to develop speaking ability and hidden talents. These assemblies are open to the general public and parents are urged to attend as often as possible so that the participants may have the inspiration of an adult audience.

The football squad did not win as many games this autumn as last year but they worked hard to overcome the loss of so many previous members who were graduated and their efforts have started a trend which will undoubtedly be effective another season. The 1953 basketball season was a successful one, detailed reports of which may be read under the Faculty Manager's report.

As is the yearly custom, a senior girl, Shirley Semons, was chosen to attend the Daughters of the American Revolution conference held in Boston each spring. For 1954, Phyllis Smerage will be honored with this privilege. Shirley Semons also won the local State Oratorical History

Contest sponsored by the Augustus Peabody Gardiner Post of the American Legion. At the Memorial Day assembly the local Legion presented a certificate to Margery Ricker, a reward for excellence in the study of the United States Constitution. Philip Trussell and Kenneth Morrison were picked for a week at Boys' State at Amherst sponsored by the Legion and Phyllis Smerage attended Girls' State at Bridgewater through the favor offered by the American Legion Auxiliary.

Recognition for excellence in scholarship in the form of Honor Roll cards is made at an assembly following each ranking period. Red roses are presented to pupils who have all A's and red carnations to those with all A's but one B. Too often the gifted pupil is by-passed in our modern hectic days whereas the dextrous athlete or those endowed with oratorical aptitude become the school heroes. The hardworking student who sticks to his books should also be extolled and rewarded. We feel that our extra curricular activities also help the normal pupil to get added satisfaction for a job well done if earnestly pursued.

This November a Student Council was organized consisting of class presidents and home room representatives to serve as an advisory body in an attempt to establish organized leadership in the school; to create better pupil-teacher relationship; and to train more of our pupils in practical citizenship. Student participation in more school affairs is not a panacea for all difficulties of behavior and misunderstandings which tend to lessen school spirit. Perhaps one good way to improve citizenship is to emphasize it through an organized group who will give serious thought to school problems. We hope to make the Student Council a developing institution, the sincere support of which can become something more than an educational fad in our school and help to develop thoughtful future citizens.

May I express my appreciation for the cooperation extended me by both teachers and pupils who are working to make our high school second to none.

Respectfully submitted,

HAZEL E. RAMER,
(Mrs. Lloyd Ramer)
Principal.

REPORT OF THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINC

To the Superintendent of Schools:

DEAR SIR:

I herewith submit my yearly report of the New Elem

School opened in September with the largest enrollr history. Four hundred seventy four pupils were register through grade six; seventy-eight more than the registra 1952. Since then seventeen pupils have been transferre and twenty-seven have been admitted making our total e ent four hundred eighty-four pupils.

Several changes were made in our teaching staff. enrollment of one hundred eleven pupils in Grade One a was formed. Miss Katherine Mitchell was appointed to Miss Doris Blood was assigned to the vacancy left by M Mrs. Dorothy Jones succeeded Miss Alice Barry in Grad est Troop replaced Mr. Walter Perkins in Grade Five Scanlon was appointed to teach a sixth grade class. Mi assigned to fill the vacancy left by Miss Carol Westerlu garten. Mrs. Edwina Beilman, art supervisor, resigne position was filled by Mr. Rupert Lillie of Wenham. T fourth first grade class necessitated placing Miss Edith class in the High School along with the class of Miss These two classes are holding double sessions in order to smaller classes thus affording more individual attention t

When we entered our new school December 1952 w room to accomodate our classes. This year rooms had two classes. What will be our problem in September 1 we place the additional two classes of Grade Two which that time?

In October Mrs. Ruth McCann was added to our st remedial teacher. She holds her classes in the room de room.

We are again having the benefits of the Dental Clini

Our hot lunch service is an important item in our school program. We are now serving on an average of two hundred fifty lunches every day. This means that about sixty-three percent of our children are partaking of a hot lunch every day. What can we do to include the other thirty-two percent in this program?

We are somewhat concerned with increase in the number of tardiness in our school. We realize the difficulties of transportation during inclement weather and we make due allowance therefore. Promptness is a habit that should be started early in life.

A school library is a necessity in a school system. We are striving to increase ours by purchasing a Childcraft set of books from our school fund. We also have a hundred dollars which is to be expended for library books for classroom libraries.

From our school funds we have this year also purchased two portable Birch electric record players. This means that we have for present use in fourteen classrooms four electric record-players. As Music Appreciation is offered in all classes these machines are constantly on the move.

Assemblies this year have been prepared by two groups; grades one through three and grades four through six. By dividing the groups in this manner we find that the interest is greater. Also we have space we can invite parents to see these performances.

Mrs. Goddard's fifth grade with the aid of pupils from Mr. Troop's fifth grade and the two sixth grades put on a splendid portrayal of the "Christmas Story" on the morning of December 23rd. Several parents and friends viewed this event.

The Safety Patrol was organized the first week of school by the sixth grades and a few members of grades five. They are doing a fine piece of work in helping to care for the safety of our increased number of school children.

In conclusion, I would like to express to you, the School Committee, parents and teachers, my appreciation of their loyalty and support.

Respectfully submitted,

Miss MARIAN C. JOSEPH,
Principal.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

To the Superintendent of Schools:

Dear Sir:

In conformance with the program initiated last year, the only entire classes given the routine health examination were the kindergarten, first, fourth, seventh, ninth, and twelfth grades. The purpose of the change was to permit more thorough examination of each pupil. In addition an attempt was made to examine each pupil newly admitted to the Hamilton school system. Those entering school for the first time in kindergarten or first grade were mostly seen at the preschool roundup in May.

The preschool examination is a most important one; it is usually the only one at which a parent is present to discuss the child's health and habits with the school pysician, and it affords the child his first opportunity to make the acquaintance of the school plant and the school physician. As health education is still one of the cardinal functions of the school physician, it is important to establish early a congenial relationship with each child.

The preschool roundup was very well attended. Thanks to the excellent assistance of the school nurse and volunteer workers who made appointments and acted as receptionists, approximately 95 children were examined and their parents interviewed without waste of time or confusion.

High and junior high students, particularly in interscholastic sports, received the usual special examination qualifying them for competitive athletics.

Defects requiring correction and emergencies requiring first aid were relatively few in proportion to the size of the school population. In most cases parent response has been excellent. The school physician was in contact with the teachers whenever individual or group problems pertaining to the physical or mental welfare of the pupils arise. The duties of the physician were rendered pleasant and made lighter by the fine cooperation of the school nurse, teachers, and principals. Without their help, on his limited time, this expanded task could not have been accomplished.

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL M. ROGERS, M. D.
School Physician.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

To the Superintendent of Schools:

Dear Sir:

I herewith submit my twenty-fourth annual report as school nurse for the Town of Hamilton.

Total Enrollment 684

The space-physical examinations were conducted by our School Physician, Dr. Daniel Rogers, assisted by the school nurse. By space-physical we mean the examination of all children entering competitive sports, all children entering kindergarten or first grade that were not examined in the pre-school clinic, grades 3, 5, 7, and all new children entering the Hamilton School System for the first time.

Result of Physical Examinations to date:

Defects		*Corrections made by medical, surgical, and dental treatment*	
Mod. and enlarged tonsils	38	Tonsillectomy and Adenoidectomy	26
Glands	12	Adenoidectomy	1
Posture	18	Glands	12
Feet	5	Heart	14
Heart (functional murmur)	14	Speech	4
Speech	4	Fractures	11
Fractures	11	Operations	13
Operations	13		

Contagious and Communicable Diseases Reported to Date

Chicken Pox	79	Impetigo	5
Measles	43	Dogwood Poisoning, Ivy Poisoning, Sumac Poisoning, Oak Poisoning	20
Mumps	18		
Scarlet Fever	2		
Conjunctivitis	4		

Result of Eye and Ear Examination

Number of children having Massachusetts Vision Screen Testing	391
Number children retested	34
Number children found with defective vision	22
Number children having eyes corrected with glasses	18
Number children having eyes corrected by operation	2

Result of Screening Test with Audiometer for Hearing

Number children tested	391
Number children retested	15
Number children found with defective hearing	12
Number children having medical or surgical treatment	10

Tuberculosis Program

All the Junior High and High School students, contact cases and all the school personnel will have an opportunity to have chest X-rays this spring. The school nurse will be notified regarding the date, time and place the mobile unit will come to Hamilton.

We hope everyone who can will take advantage of this service to the Community.

Other work carried on by the school nurse includes the following: Clerical work on health cards, reports, classroom inspection, home calls, first aid to the injured and care of the ill, along with consultation with teachers, superintendent, principals, state supervisors, students, parents and various organizations.

Dental Program

The Dental Clinic is conducted by Dr. John King.

Any child attending the elementary school, grade one to grade six, may take advantage of this service. Dr. King's report of the dental Clinic will be found elsewhere.

Ninety-six children reported dental work in the high school.

In closing may I thank our school physician, superintendent, principals, teachers, students, parents and all other agencies for their cooperation in making our health program so worthwhile.

Respectfully submitted,

Miss FLORENCE L. STOBBART, R. N.
School Nurse.

REPORT OF THE CAFETERIA MANAGER

To the Superintendent of Schools:

Dear Sir:

Pupil participation in the school lunch program has increased again during the year. Part of this increase is due to a larger enrollment in both the elementary and the high school and can partly be attributed to increased quality and quantity of the food served under the school lunch program.

In September a new electric range was purchased by the cafeteria for installation in the high school in order to make it possible to prepare the food for this building on the premises.

The cafeteria now employs two full-time and two part-time workers.

The Hamilton schools continue to participate in the Federal Lunch Program. The following menu pattern must be followed for the Type A luncheon.

2 ounces	meat or other protein such as cheese, fish, eggs, baked beans or peanut butter
¾ cup	vegetable and or fruit
2 tablespoons	butter or fortified margarine
1 portion	bread or rolls
½ pint	unflavored milk

In return for observing the above minimum requirements the Federal Government allots surplus commodities to the schools each month. Such surplus is distributed in proportion to the number of pupils who participate in the program. We have received during the year such items as powdered eggs, dried milk, canned tomatoes, tomato paste, peas, beef, cheddar cheese, processed cheese, honey, dried prunes, dried apricots, peanut butter, cooking oil, shortening, and hamburg. These products are used to supplement the daily menu. In addition to these commodities the Federal Government supplies a subsidy of 9¢ per meal.

The cafeteria is entirely self-supporting. It pays the cost of all food, the salaries of all employees, and the cost of any necessary equipment.

Respectfully submitted.

Miss MILLICENT J. BOSWELL,
Cafeteria Manager.

REPORT OF THE FACULTY MANAGER OF ATH

To the Superintendent of Schools:

DEAR SIR:

With the opening of school in September the High again made available for sports and physical education ac

The football team had some seasonal setbacks due t other minor difficulties that have to be faced each year. that successful teams are often the product of several Our football coach had to rebuild his varsity team from t year.

There has been some indication that certain smaller ing of expanding from six-man to eleven-man football future. Such a change does not seem wise at Hamilton the present. We hope that there will be enough six-man area so that an adequate schedule can be worked out.

The usual enthusiastic response to boys and girls t denced at the start of the season. A rebuilding task here also and a successful season is in prospect.

Baseball at this time of year is an unknown quantity five years the junior high school program has included t the fourth grade in an attempt through a farm system t in preparation for varsity baseball. Perhaps there is son ering the development program of the younger boys for ball.

As faculty manager I am sincerely interested in hel problems. Through cooperation and diligent practice ou to build successful teams in Hamilton High School.

Financial Report of Athletics

Revolving Fund:

Balance, January 1, 1953
Total receipts for 1953

Total
Expenditures
Balance

Appropriation $1,19

APPENDICES

HAMILTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

	Budget 1953	Expended 1953	Budget 1954
General Expense			
Superintendent's Salary	$6,500.00	$6,500.00	$7,100.00
Superintendent's Travel			
In-State	200.00	211.45	300.00
Out-of-State	200.00	93.64	150.00
Office Expense	175.00	138.95	175.00
Census Enumerator	150.00	150.00	150.00
Superintendent's Secretary	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,250.00
School Committee Clerk	150.00	150.00	200.00
Truant Officer	150.00	150.00	150.00
	$10,525.00	$10,394.04	$11,475.00
Expense of Instruction			
Salaries of Teachers:			
High	$43,675.00	$43,232.82	$49,991.66
Elementary	49,616.68	50,011.66	57,683.33
Art	834.00	826.00	1,252.00
Writing	450.00	450.00	450.00
Music	682.00	682.00	736.00
Substitutes	600.00	708.00	700.00
Contingency Fund	500.00	20.00	500.00
Misc. Expense of Instruction	200.00	137.42	250.00
	$96,557.68	$96,067.90	$111,562.99
Textbooks and Supplies			
Textbooks—High	$1,150.00	$1,023.17	$1,285.00
Textbooks—Elementary	1,600.00	2,062.52	2,325.00
Supplies—High	1,500.00	893.11	1,100.00
Supplies—Elementary	1,150.00	1,689.70	1,950.00
Supplies—Shop	700.00	635.02	700.00
Supplies—Home Economics	100.00	2.40	100.00
Supplies—Music	100.00	114.67	100.00
Films	100.00	10.11	100.00
Testing Program	250.00	243.23	300.00
School Board Journal			
Executive and Nation's School	15.00	15.00	15.00
Rental of Business Machines	150.00	105.00	150.00
Refund	5.00		
	$6,820.00	$6,793.93	$8,125.00

	Budget 1953	Expended 1953	Budget 1954
Operation of Plant			
Salaries—Janitors			
High	$3,000.00	$3,000.00	$3,000.00
Extra Man	2,600.00	2,600.00	2,800.00
Elementary	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Extra Man	.....	.....	2,025.00
Contingency Fund	.....	.....	500.00
Fuel—High	2,808.00	$2,498.64	$2,600.00
Fuel—Elementary	2,335.00	2,562.46	2,800.00
Electricity—High and Ele.	2,000.00	2,474.78	2,500.00
Janitors Supplies	1,500.00	1,198.04	1,250.00
Gas	300.00	288.99	300.00
Water	300.00	93.00	300.00
	$17,843.00	$17,715.91	$21,075.00
Maintenance of Plant			
Repairs, Replacements and Upkeep—			
High and Ele.—Normal	$1,000.00	$990.33	$1,500.00
Extra	.....	.....	1,500.00
Auxiliary Agencies			
Transportation	$9,699.00	$9,169.25	$9,758.75
Auxiliary Agencies			
Bus Supervisor	.....	$50.00	$180.00
Physician—High and Ele.	$500.00	500.00	600.00
Nurse	1,950.00	2,000.00	2,170.00
Medical Supplies	85.00	52.81	85.00
Miscellaneous:			
Graduation	60.00	58.41	60.00
Telephone	425.00	395.15	475.00
Library	150.00	165.58	150.00
Transportation—Erucational	100.00	30.00	100.00
Tuition and Transportation	328.00	228.02	330.00
	$3,598.00	$3,479.97	$4,150.00
Outlay			
New Equipment:			
Normal	$800.00	$788.08	$262.00
Outlay			
Athletics	$1,190.00	$1,185.15	$1,190.00
	$148,032.68	$146,584.56	$170,598.74
SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS			
Transfer—Furniture	877.03	877.03	.....
Vocational	1,432.00	1,098.40	1,250.00
Driver Training	200.00	.....	200.00
Closing Lamson School	260.00	151.10	.....
	2,769.03	2,126.53	1,450.00
GRAND TOTAL	$150,801.71	$148,711.09	$174,348.74

LOCAL AND STATE REIMBURSEMENTS 1953

TOTAL EXPENDITURES 1953		$148,711.09
CASH RECEIPTS DURING 1953 (Turned over to Town Treasurer)		
Refund Textbooks and Supplies	$5.00	
From State of Massachusetts:		
General School Fund	$21,602.97	
Transportation	6,091.60	
Vocational	508.70	
State Wards (Tuition)	850.40	
From Local Reimbursements:		
Miscellaneous	63.00	
Tuition—Town of Essex	340.00	
Town of Wenham	820.00	
Mrs. C. W. Taintor—Topsfield	80.00	
Mrs. S. Dove—Beverly	50.00	
TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS 1953		30,411.67
NET COST TO TOWN IN 1953		$118,299.42

REVOLVING FUNDS

ATHLETICS

Balance, January 1, 1953		$79.28
Receipts during 1953		218.30
Total cash available during 1953		$297.58
Expenditures during 1953	None	
Balance, December 31, 1953		$297.58

CAFETERIA

Balance, January 1, 1953		$1,722.21
Receipts during 1953		
Sales	$12,601.06	
Government	4,189.03	
		16,790.49
Total cash available during 1953		$18,512.70
Expended during 1953		
Labor	3,545.50	
Food	11,538.20	
Miscellaneous	1,125.02	
Total payments during 1953		$16,208.72
Balance December 31, 1953		$2,303.98

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE FOR 1953

November Claim from Government	$547.81
December Claim from Government	498.65

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FOR 1953

Food bills for December	$1,158.53
Miscellaneous bills for December	67.47

SCHOOL CENSUS AS OF OCTOBER 1, 1953

	Boys	*Girls*
Number between five and seven years of age	101	91
Number between seven and sixteen years of age	259	230
Totals	360	321
Total Census		681

Distribution of the above minors, October 1, 1953:

In the Public Day School	620
In vocational school	0
In private school	58
In state and county institutions and special schools for defective delinquents	3
Not enrolled in any day school	0
Totals (should equal corresponding totals in the above requisitions)	681

MEMBERSHIP BY AGE AND GRADE, OCTOBER 1, 1953

Grade	AGE															
	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19 Totals
Kdg.	31	53														84
1		48	55	8												111
2			20	49	3											72
3				15	32	4	1									52
4					17	33	5	1								56
5						12	44	4								60
6							15	31	3							49
7								18	30	2	2					52
8									8	19	7	1				35
9										5	22	3				30
10											8	21	5		1	35
11												4	13	3		20
12													6	14	3	23
Totals	31	101	75	72	52	49	65	54	41	26	39	29	24	17	4	679

HAMILTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

ENROLLMENT STATISTICS

1952-1958

Grade	1952			1953			1954			1955			1956			1957			1958		
	Pupils	Classrooms	Teachers	Pupils	Classrooms	Teachers	Pupils	Classrooms	Teachers	Pupils	Classrooms	Teachers	Pupils	Classrooms	Teachers	Pupils	Classrooms	Teachers	Pupils	Classrooms	Teachers
(Two Session) Kindergarten	71	2	2	81	2	2	82	2	2	80	2	2	80	2	2	80	2	2	80	2	2
I	81	3	3	111	4	4	100	4	4	95	4	4	95	4	4	95	4	4	95	4	4
II	46	2	2	70	2	2	100	4	4	100	4	4	95	4	4	90	4	4	90	4	4
III	56	2	2	52	2	2	70	2	2	95	4	4	95	4	4	95	4	4	90	4	4
IV	51	2	2	56	2	2	50	2	2	70	2	2	90	4	4	95	4	4	95	4	4
V	40	2	2	59	2	2	55	2	2	50	2	2	65	2	2	90	4	4	95	4	4
VI	41	2	2	51	2	2	58	2	2	55	2	2	50	2	2	65	2	2	90	3	3
Total K-VI	386	15	15	480	16	16	515	18	18	545	20	20	570	22	22	610	24	24	635	25	25
VII	33	1	1	52	2	2	50	2	2	55	2	2	53	2	2	48	2	2	62	2	2
VIII	32	1	1	35	1	1	50	2	2	48	2	2	52	2	2	50	2	2	46	2	2
IX	37			30			32			47			45			50			47		
X	26	9	9	34	12	10	28	10	10	30	12	12	45	13	12	43	13	13	47	14	13
XI	27			20			30			26			27			42			40		
XII	31			23			18			28			23			25			40		
Total VII-XII	186	11	11	194	15	13	208	14	15	234	16	16	245	17	16	258	17	17	282	18	17
Total K-XII	572	26	26	674	31	29	723	32	32	779	36	36	815	39	38	868	41	41	917	43	42

HAMILTON TEACHERS' DIRECTORY, JANUARY 1, 1954

Name	*School*	*Subject or Grades*	*Appointment*	*Yrs. Experience*	*Education*	*Degree*
Douglas A. Chandler	High	Superintendent	1952	21	Northeastern University	B.B.A.
					Boston University	Ed.M.
Mrs. Hazel Ramer	High	Principal	1921	43	Salem Normal	—
Edith M. Anderson	High	Grade 7	1929	39	Salem Normal	—
Wilbur Armstrong	High	Science	1944	32	Atlantic Union	B.R.E., B.A.
					Boston University	M.A.
Ruth E. Austen	High	English and Music	1945	9	Radcliffe	A.B.
					New Eng. Conserv. Music	M.B.
					Boston University	M.E.
Millicent J. Boswell	High	Home Economics and Cafeteria Manager	1943	11	Framingham T. C.	B.S.E.
					Simmons College	M.S.
Marshall Gero	High	Manual Training	1947	17	Fitchburg T. C.	B.S.E.
Donald J. Mack	High	Science and Math.	1953	3	Springfield College	B.S.
					Syracuse University	M.S.
Carl J. Martini	High	Math. and Physical Education for boys	1950	10	Holy Cross	B.S.
					Tufts College	M.A.
Mrs. Eleanor McKey	High	Languages	1952	18	Boston University	A.B., M.A.
Priscilla McKay	High	English	1950	7	American Inter. College	B.A.
Wilton J. Moyer	High	Social Studies	1949	13	Mansfield, Penn.	
					State Teachers College	B.S.E.
Libby Volk	High	Business	1946	7	Salem Teachers College	B.S.E.
					Boston University	M.E.
Joan M. Webster	High	Business and Physical Education for Girls	1953	1	Salem Teachers College	B.S.E.
Marian C. Joseph	New Elementary	Principal	1921	33	Salem Normal	—
Ellen Duffy	"	Grade 6	1927	28	Salem Teachers College	B.S.E.
Mrs. Mildred E. Scanlon	"	Grade 6	1953	18	Salem Normal	—
Mrs. Esther Goddard	"	Grade 5	1952	19	Salem Normal	—
Forrest L. Troop	"	Grade 5	1953	4	Salem Teachers College	B.S.E.
Margaret Batchelder	"	Grade 4	1920	34	Salem Normal	—
Mrs. Dorothy B. Jones	"	Grade 4	1953	14	University of Vermont	B.E.
Mrs. Carolyn Lander	"	Grade 3	1950	16	Gorham Normal	—
Evelyn Rankin	"	Grade 3	1949	17	Gorham Normal	—

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Mrs. Doris Foster	"	Grade 2	1948	9	Keene Normal	—
Mrs. Ruth Harris	"	Grade 2	1949	4	Salem Teachers College	B.S.E.
Doris M. Blood	"	Grade 1	1953	—	Lesley College	—
Mrs. Nena Hayes	"	Grade 1	1952	4	Oswego State T. C.	B.S.E.
Mary E. Lucey	"	Grade 1	1948	5	Salem Teachers College	B.S.E.
Katherine M. Mitchell	"	Grade 1	1953	3	Gorham State T. C.	B.S.E.
Harriet Eriskine	High	Kindergarten	1946	9	Lesley Kindergarten	—
Edith M. Ross	"	Kindergarten	1953	—	Lesley College	—
Mrs. Ruth McCann	New Elem.	Remedial	1953	11	Lesley College	—
Rupert Lillie	All	Art	1953	6	University of Maryland	S.B.
					Harvard School of of Design	M.L.A.
Maude L. Thomas	All	Music	1923	31	Boston University	—
Florence L. Stobbart	All	Nurse	1925	28	Beverly Hospital	R.N.

FORTY-THIRD COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Hamilton High School

MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM

Thursday Evening, June 18, 1953
At Eight O'clock

PROGRAM

PROCESSIONAL

"Pomp and Circumstance" *Edward Elgar*
Girls Glee Club

INVOCATION — Reverend C. Richard Shanor

COMMENCEMENT THEME: Life Is Worth Living

If We Have Faith and Vision — Shirley Anne Semons

Musical Selection

Sonetto 104 del Petraca-Lizt — G. Johnstone Geikie, Jr.

If We Have Love and Peace — Janet Josephine Pariseau

If We Have Knowledge and Understanding — Glenn Cook

REMARKS — Douglas A. Chandler
Superintendent of Schools

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

Teachers' Club — Miss Priscilla McKay
President, Hamilton Teachers' Club

Community — Dene Moulton
Member of Awarding Committee

American Legion Awards — Commander Francis O'Hara
A. P. Gardner Post 194, American Legion

Bausch and Lomb Science Medal — Wilbur Armstrong
High School Science Department

Musical Selection

I Believe — Arranged by Harry R. Wilson

Soloist—Nancy Anne Dodge

PRESENTATION OF CLASS OF 1953 — Mrs. Hazel Ramer
Principal of Hamilton High School

AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS — Morley L. Piper
Chairman of School Committee

BENEDICTION — Reverend C. Richard Shanor

RECESSIONAL

GRADUATES

*Phyllis Patricia Allen
Harold Gilman Allen
Betty Jane Bullerwell
Charles Lloyd Cann
John Alden Carter
Charles Russell Cook
*Glenn Cook
Nancy Anne Dodge
Alice Muriel Dolliver
Wayne Raymond Gauthier

*George Johnstone Geikie, Jr.
Wayne Arthur Grove
Elizabeth Ann Henley
Robert Charles Henley
Melvin Clyde Hood
John Devereaux Humphrey
Eleanor Margaret Hurd
Theodore Emanual Johnson, Jr.
Raymond Allen Jones
*Anne Charlotte LeBlanc
Albert Jean LeBel

Barbara Jane Liscomb
Edmund John Liscomb, Jr.
Ruth Lunn Messer
Emily Louise Nickerson
*Janet Josephine Pariseau
Jean Lorraine Phillips
Lionel Frank Pooler
*Shirley Anne Semons
Peter Johnson Tillson
Clarence Napoleon Trepanier

*Honor Pupil

SCHOOL CALENDAR

(Subject to Change)

1954

January 4	Schools open
February 19	Schools close
March 1	Schools open
April 15	Schools close
April 26	Schools open
May 31	Holiday
June 23	Schools close
Summer Vacation	
September 8	Schools open
October 1	Teachers' Convention
October 12	Holiday
November 11	Holiday
November 24	Schools close at noon
November 29	Schools open
December 23	Schools close at noon
1955	
January 3	Schools open

AGE OF ADMITTANCE

Pupils entering the kindergarten in September must have been at least four years of age on March 1st preceding entrance in September.

Pupils entering the first grade in September must have been at least five years of age on March 1st preceding entrance in September.

VACCINATION

Children who have not been vaccinated will not be admitted to school in September unless they present a certificate from a regular practicing physician stating that they are not fit subjects for vaccination. Parents are requested to attend to this matter during the summer vacation, as certificates of vaccination or exemption must be presented at the opening of school to entitle children to admission.

NO-SCHOOL SIGNALS

As a matter of policy school will be in session whenever possible. Whenever weather conditions are questionable parents are urged to exercise their own judgment as to whether their children are sent to school or not.

Whenever it seems unadvisable to have school sessions the following procedure for no-school signals will be observed. Radio stations WHDH, WBZ, and WESX will be notified not later than 7:00 a.m. so that notification may be broadcast by them between 7:15 and 8:00 a.m. At 7:30 a.m. the no-school signal 22-22 will be sounded on the local fire alarm.

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